

# Jordanian soldier kills 7 schoolgirls



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By DAVID RUDGE

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new peace efforts

#### By BATSHEVA TSUR

President Ezer Weizman, mediating between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Arab leaders yesterday, called for redoubled efforts to move the peace process forward following the massacre in Naharayim.

"Despite the horrific massacre, I am convinced that all parties concerned are interested in trying to get the peace process back on track," Weizman said, during a visit to the wounded at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem, which he made with his wife, Reuma. "I am sure that most of those concerned are still interested in trying to find a way to together in peace." Weizman met last night at his residence with Netanyahu, and the two talked together with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Weizman said he hoped Netanyahu and Arafat would meet again soon to hammer out critical issues that are in dispute. During his meeting with Netanyahu, Weizman is believed to have suggested postponing the start of construction at Har Homa, saying the issue had come up in all his recent meetings with European leaders.

Natali Alkalai Shiri Badayev Ya'ala Me'iri

eighth graders at the AMIT Fuersi School in Beit Shemesh. They were all buried last night. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer attended the funerals. Jordan's King Hussein said last

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night he expected to meet Netanyahu very shortly, following yesterday's tragedy. Sources said they believe the monarch would come to Beit Shemesh to pay a condolence call to the victims' families.

At a press conference in Amman last night after returning from Spain, Hussein said. "I would love to visit the families of the bereaved." He termed the tragedy "a slur on all of us," adding, "it's not political, it's a vile crime."

He termed yesterday "a day I never wanted to live to see" and condemned the massacre as an attack against "his sons and daugh-

ters in his own home." Hussein expressed his condolences in a phone call to Netanyahu, which he made while still en route to Jordan. He had delayed a trip to the US and instead

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Yasser Arafat. Arafat is believed to fear that such a meeting, which might then be followed by the start of construction at Har Homa, would embarrass him. But Arafat, who has refused to speak to Netanyahu due to the disputes over Har Homa and the planned rede-

Mubarak, who is currently in the US, also sent a condolence letter to the prime minister. US President Bill Clinton also called. Earlier this week, Hussein had

Egyptian President Hosni

written a harsh letter to Netanyahu, questioning the prime minister's commitment to peace, and some cabinet ministers charged that yesterday's attack could not be completely divorced from the

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As Weizman was leaving Hadassah, Arafat called the president's cellular phone and asked him to convey his condolences to the families.

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returned home immediately after the shooting. Jordanian Prime Minis ster Abdel-Karim Kabariti had a stiff conversation with Netanyahu yester day, as he offered condolences Kabariti also called

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## **Peled:** Naharayim off-limits to school trips

#### By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The eighth-graders from Beit Shemesh's Fierst School who came under attack at Naharayim were not supposed to be at that site, which is in any case off-limits to school trips, Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled said yesterday. Peled, who is responsible for the

ministry's handling of school trips, told Israel Radio that while he did not want to make any accusations as the matter was still under initial investigation, "schools or [other institutions] in the entire Education Ministry system are not permitted to enter the island at Naharayim at present."

Peled said: "Private individuals can go there, but schools are strictly forbidden from doing so. This school was supposed to be someplace else completely - based on the route approved by the Education Ministry's school trip coordination unit, it was supposed to be on Mt. Arbel and at Kfar and Hittim not Naharayim....Somebody took it upon themselves to change the route, and apparently this has happened other times."

Asked why the site was off-limits, Peled explained: "The Education Ministry requires an armed adult chaperone for each 15 pupils on such a trip. Since according to the peace agreements between Israel and Jordan, we cannot bring more than four weapons on to the island at Naharayim, the Educatioo Ministry does not permit schools to go there, because this violates the criteria of our trips. There is a complete ban on going to the island at Naharayim."

According to regulations, trip routes must be coordinated with special school trip coordination offices staffed by representatives of the Society for the Preservation of Nature and the ministry, who check safety and security requirements.

Educatioo Minister Zevulun Hammer said although the ministry

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"has not yet checked into what was included in the permit," he understood one could not visit such sites without a permit. "But this has nothing to do with it," he said."Jordanian children can visit on our side of the border in complete safety, and Israeli children are killed on a peaceful border with our closest friend among our neighbors - this is something that never should have happened. The matter of whether schools are allowed to visit there will naturally be looked into, but at this moment, when the bodies are still before us, and the murder is so awful - it wasn't a disturbed soldier, but there is something disturbingly wrong with the peace

I feel the pain of the families and know we will have to get to the bottom of the matter, and after the funerals we'll talk about it...one must not visit beyond the border of where you have a permit to visit, and I don't know to what degree these things were coordinated."

Asked whether the current political tension contributed to the attack, Hammer said: "No misunderstanding between Israel and Jordan...justifies a soldier firing on Israelis. I don't even understand how you can suggest such a thing. There was no provocation here, we're talking about young girls who came to visit a place that is usually peaceful. Many visit there - again, the matter of whether schools are allowed to visit there shall and will be checked - but this is a border that once was in Israeli hands. True, today it belongs to [Jordan] and these things must be coordinated, but to kill someone? For what?"

Hammer added: "It seems to me that the peace people talk about hasn't been internalized enough, they talk about the era of peace, but it haso't come yet. We constantly have to said that "No place better illusbe aware of the fragility of the matter, and be careful, but this doesn't trates the fact that we are at peace" than Naharayim. .... mean that from now on, we always have to walk on tippy-toes so that no one kills you for no good reason."

By HERB KEINON

Indeed, the oft-visited island

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Until yesterday:

where the Yarmuk and Jordan nivers meet the Jordan, has - until now - been a symbol of the peace Jordan's King Hussein, in a June 1995 meeting at Naharayim with treaty between Jordan and Israel. Yitzhak Rabin and Helmut Kohl, A sign at the entrance to the island, located 10 kilometers south of the Kinneret, reads "Island of Peace,"

Under the 1994 accord, the Hashemite kingdom regained sov-ereignty over the area, but Israel leased the land for 25 years, with the area. an optioo to renew. Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov Meuhad and Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov Ihud, which have fields and orchards on the island. them. The peace treaty stipulates that although Jordan has complete control of the island, Israelis can enter the area, for a fee, without visas or passports. Entrance is through a Jordanian checkpoint. Tens of thousands of Israelis have taken advantage of this as a way to "go to Jordan" for a few hours. In addition, thousands of Palestinians and Israeli Arabs go there on the weekends to meet relatives from Jordan, and even some who filter down from Syria. At the end of the day, everyone goes back home: The site is not a transit point between Israel and Jordan. Itim reported yesterday that in recent weeks the Jordanian author-

ities alerted Israeli to the possibility that some of the Arab family meetings were more than just picnics, but a means to smuggle arms and even terrorists across the border.

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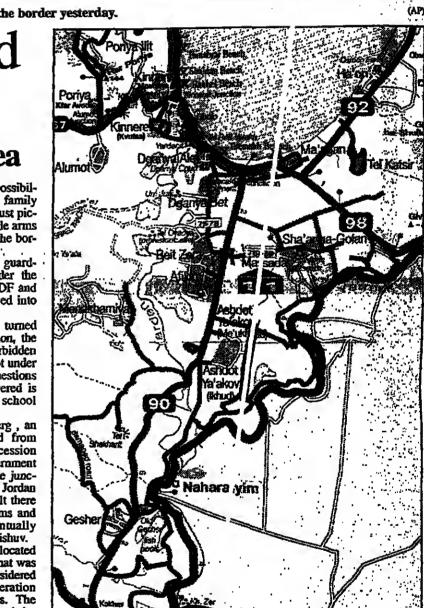
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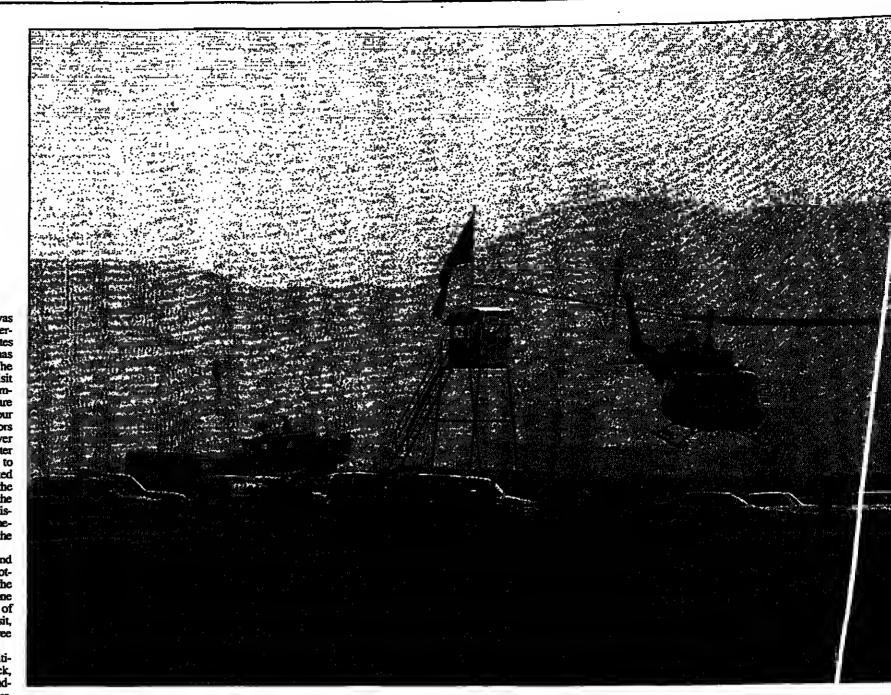
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Although the site has turned into a busy tourist attraction, the Education Ministry has forbidden visits there because it is not under Dr control. One of the questions that will have to be answered is why the Beit Shemesh school group was in the area. In 1925, Pinhas Rutenberg, an engineer who immigrated from Russia, received a concession from the mandatory government to use 6,000 dunams at the junction of the Yarmuk and Jordan rivers for 70 years. He built there the first of a series of dams and power statioos that eventually brought electricity to the Yishuv. At the time, the project, located inside the boundaries of what was then Transjordan, was considered an example of cooperation between Jews and Arabs. The power plant was destroyed by Iraqi troops during the first days of the War of Independence.

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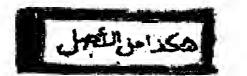
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## In Beit Shemesh, the wait for names

#### By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

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They stood in pairs, they sat alone: students crying on each other's shoulders, parents huddling with their cigarette At the AMIT Fuerst school in

Beit Shemesh yesterday afternoon, the tension of waiting to hear who was killed and who escaped death grew as the day wore on. "I just want them to tell me who's dead and who's been wounded," a father suddenly screamed out.

But for hours there was no official news, no information to share with the hundreds of frantic surdents and parents who milled around in the courtyard outside the building, and inside the hallway near the principal's office. Names, they wanted to hear the names.

It began at the school at 11:55 i.m., when 12th-grader Inbal Fadida was about to go to her next class. Her cellular phone rang, a call from one of the girls on the



believe what my friend was Members of the Azulai family share relief at the AMIT Fuerst school yesterday afternoon after finding out that their daughter was telling me, but when I heard her crying, I believed it. (Brian Hendler) not injured in the shooting incident.

trip. "She was crying," said Fadida. "She said they had been shot at by go to the school's synagogue to say Psalms. the Jordanian border. I asked her if

Classes were suspended for the rest of the day, and psychologists and social workers were brought in anyone was dead, but she said she didn't know because they wouldn't to tend to the more distraught par-"At first 1 didn't believe her, but ents and pupils. Now and again when I heard her crying, I believed someone collapsed from the anxiety and tension, and medics from Fadida rushed to the teachers' Magen David Adom lifted them room to relate what she had heard, onto stretchers and offered aid.

and the teachers told the principal, One 12th-grade classroom was set up as a makeshift first-aid room. The boys in the school, a state-religious school of some 1,100 stu-On the wall were newspaper clipdents in grades seven through 12, pings from a previous tragedy:

were told over the loudspeaker to Pictures of the 73 soldiers who go to the school's synagogue to say were killed in last month's helicopter crash. The elippings were quickly taken down.

Down the hall in another classroom, students sat in front of a television. watching the news bulletins.

For everyone, shock and disbelief was the overwhelming reaction; the lack of names just made it worse. "It's a very hard situation for the parents, the tension of not knowing

who has been killed," said one psychologist on duty," For hours everyone stood around, some making small talk, others chain smoking, many glued to the radio, everyone trying to stay calm in the face of impending bad news. One mother grabbed the shoul-

ders of an elderly man, both their eves red from tears, in a "be strong" embrace. "I won't believe [she's alive] until I see her in front of me, said the man.

For the pupils, too, there was a

dazed feeling. "Tm just in shock," said Shlomo Revivo, 17. "I know some of the kids in that class, but 1 don't know who got killed and who got hurt,

and I'm just waiting here to find

Some of the eighth graders on the trip called their parents' cellular phones to tell them they were alive and OK.

This brought relief to some, but made other parents more anxious. "Ask about my daughter," screamed one mother, standing near a parent who had gotten a call from bers.

Other pupils called the school and announcements over the loudspeakers asked those parents to come to the phone. A phone call meant good news.

Outside in the hallway, some 12th-grade boys were talking poli-

This peace is not real, and there won't ever be peace," said 17-year-old Ehud Amitai. "The Arabs don't want peace, they want the whole country."

Some of his classmates echoed the sentiment, expressing a frustration felt by many.

Others dealt with the tension in their own way: At one table in the teachers' room, where many parents were gathered, a father sat alone, reciting Psalms, waiting to hear the names.

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We, the Israeli members of the steering committee of the recently We, the Israeli members of the steering committee of the recently established International Alliance for Arab-Israeli Peace, which, in Copenhagen, brought together for the first time in the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict leading Egyptians, israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians, are greatly alarmed that, at this critical stage in our common effort to achieve e just and lasting peace between israel and the Arab world, decisions have been taken by the Government of Israel which could endanger the whole future of the peace process

In our Copenhagen Declaration, we stressed that "to create an atmosphere of amity for negotiations, no resort to violence or terrorism in any form should be accepted or condoned. To allay Palestinian fears, no new settlements should be built, and no Palestinian land, state or private, will be expropriated."

The decisions taken not only run counter to creating an atmosphere of amity for negotiations hut they undermine the positive climate that was created after agreement was attained on the Hebron issue.

We call on the Government of israel not to take any ection that could endanger the peace process which is of such importance to us all. We call on the Palestinian Authority to take every step possible to prevent outbreaks of violence. We call on all parties to the peace process, and especially on the Prime Minister of Israel, to remain steadfastity on the course for peace, and not to take any decisions which could deflect us from that course.

The International Aliance for Arab-Israeli Peace will spare no effort to establish genuine Arab-Israeli relations based on respect for our mutual rights and the dignity and security of our peoples. Jerusalem should be the center for building mutual confidence; the decisions taken with regard to building new guarters in East Jerusalem, and especially the manner in which they were taken and their timing, have had the opposite result and therefore abaut archer should not be implemented.

We will consult the other partners in the International Steering Committee about the present critical situation in the peace



Recent clashes on the Israeli-Jordanian border

• April 11, 1995 – A 19-year-old Palestinian was wounded by Dead Sea Works security guards near Sdom, after he crossed the border and attempted to kidnap a worker.

• April 15, 1995 - A Jordanian was killed near Ouja, north of Jericho, while trying to infiltrate into Israel.

· May 4, 1995 - A Jordanian citizen who infiltrated into Israel near Kibbotz Afikim was returned to Jordan after it was deter-

mined he had not entered Israel armed. 3. June 4. 1995 A mentally incordance with who crossed into Israel near the Dead Sca Works was returned to Jordan after a short interrogation.

. June 24, 1995 - Three Islamic Jihad activists crossed from Jordan into Israel in the Jordan Valley. Soldiers shot one dead and captured the second. The third surrendered to General Security

## 'It was like war' said dazed survivors of the attack

Fourteen-year-old Hila lvri lay said. Her sister was shot in the oext to her twin sister io Poriya Hospital oear Tiberias yesterday, and relived how a "bad guy with big eyes" shot them on a school trip to Naharayim.

Aoother survivor of the Jordanian soldier's diack recalled how her friend fell on her as the shots rang out. "I screamed 'Nirit, Nirit, get

up, I'm scared, get up'," Sa'ad said, after those who had

stomach.

"I saw the gunman. He held his gun. He was shooting, and then he started shooting again...He was a bad guy with big eyes,"

she said. I saw one girl who was hit in the shoulder. She rolled over the bushes and then stopped breath-

ing." Jordanian authorities were briefing the group's teachers when a uniformed Jordanian

her oame as Dafna, said one of the adults on the trip shonted at the girls to take cover.

(Brian Hendler)

"I flattened myself oo the ground with my friend and said Shema Yisrael," she said.

Later, dazed survivors - some cover during the\_shooting hugged their parents in an emotional reunion outside the school.

"We were told school groups

Inbal Fadida: At first I didn't

Service agents and IDF soldiers two days later. August 12, 1995 – A Palestinian was apprehended near Argaman in the Jordan Valley while smuggling weapons. November 21, 1995 - An IDF soldier was lightly wounded in a shooting exchange with a gunman who tried to infiltrate from Jordan into Israel near Kibbutz Gesher. The gunman was killed.

- June 26, 1996 - Three soldiers were killed and two lightly wounded when gummen who had crossed into Israel from Jordan ambushed an IDF patrol east of Moshav Na'aran. • November 2, 1996 – A man believed to be Jordanian was killed

near Kfar Ruppin while trying to cross the Israeli-Jordanian border.

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escaped unscathed returned to their hometown of Beit Shemesh. I turned her over and saw a bullet hole in her chest,

Sa'ad, her voice shaking with emotion, said her friend opened her eyes, looked at her, and died. "All the girls screamed and cried and ran beneath bushes to hide. Many girls were hurt and bloody. I was hit in the leg," Ivri

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standing on a hill above them took aim and emptied an entire ammunition clip. "It was like war, girls hit in the

throat, in the neck, in the stom-ach, on their legs," said teacher Zecharya Ozeri, clutchiog a denim school bag he said belonged to one of the dead girls from the Fuerst school. Another survivor, who gave

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traveled in the area daily ... it was a quiet area," said principal Moshe Ablovich. The Education Ministry said it oever approved field trips to the site because of security concerns.

"Tomorrow will be a regular school day ... and each class will meet with its teacher and a psychologist so the children can their release emotions. Ablovich told reporters. (Reuter)

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## **Bi-national** inquiry launched over attack

#### By DAVID RUDGE

A joint Jordanian-Israeli inquiry was lauoched yesterday into the Naharayim shootiog, which, in a period of min-utes, turned a popular tourist site into a killing field. The investigation will try to

ascertain how an uoarmed Jordanian soldier, reportedly a driver, managed to take a rifle from one of his colleagues and opeo fire on a group of Beit Shemesh schoolgirls. It will also have to investigate why Jordanian soldiers refused to allow Israeli soldiers and policemen enter the area to treat and evacuate the casualties.

Nearly 40 minutes - a critical period in terms of treating wounded - elapsed before emergency crews were permitted access to the site.

according to initial reports. Jordan Valley Regional Council chairman Ze'ev Shore said the delay totally contradicted the terms of the peace accord in which Naharayim was returned to Jordanian sovereignty.

The agreement says that if there should be an incident in which Israelis are involved, the [Israeli] police are allowed to go inside," said Shore.

"What happened here is that after the shooting, the police went to the Jordanian harrier and the Jordanians stopped them. The police stood there

helpless. "They begged to be allowed into the area. Rescue services arrived but were not allowed in. This is a clear violation of the agreement.

agreement with the security of the visitors and are with their childreo.

the ooes who hreached the agreement hy not allowing our forces to go in," said Shore.

He stressed that what had happened was oot characteristic of relations between local residents and those oo the Jordanian side, which have beeo very good.

There were also reports that the Jordanians themselves acted quickly and helped those girls who were uohurt or lightly wounded hack onto their hun while currenting the their hus while evacuating the more serious casualties to the oearest Jordanian hospital oear Shuna.

Subsequent inqoiries revealed that at least one MDA ambulance was admitted to the site immediately after the incideot and hrought out some of the wounded, along with two of those killed. After the evacuation, the site was closed hy the Jordanian authorities and was

ooly reopened afterwards to MDA amhulances, Boaz Norkio, head of MDA services in the North, said the crews had acted quickly and were the only rescue teams that entered the field at the beginning and once the barriers were reopeoed 40 minutes later.

"All I can say is that I bope this will be the last time we have to deal with a situation like this," Norkin said.

Itim adds: School psychologists and social workers were dispatched to Kibbutz Gesher oear Naharayim after the attack and began counseling pupils. The kibhutz closed its gates to journalists.

A security coordinator at the This is very serious in a site said that the Education place, which we signed in an and Defense ministries had banned entry of anyone but Jordanians, is a place where kibbutz workers or members. people can visit and tour He said a few individual pararouod. The Jordanians are ents had arrived at the kibbutz the ones responsible for the and bad emotional meetings

but blames Netanyahu for slaughter

SHUNA, Jordan (Reuter) - Residents of this normern Jordan towa offered blood and sympathy for the schoolgirls who were shot by a Jordanian soldier yesterday, but blamed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for the attack.

"The attack should not have been against young innocent children but against Netanyahu who is stubborn and a tyrant," said Mifleb Awad, an elderly farmer sitting with other locals in a coffee sbop in the center of Shuna, 75 km. north of Amman.

people rushed to donate blood to the victims after Jordanian military cars took them to the local hospital here a few kilometers from where the shooting took place.

But residents said their sympathy for the victims did not diminish their fury with Netanyahu, whose plans to build Jewish bousing at Har Homa has sparked widespread anger in the Arab world.

soldier to commit this act ... this was your land is taken over, you are entitled to

Hospital workers and doctors said over 20 scople rushed to donate blood to the victures after Jordanian military cars took them to his name.

"The soldier is an ordinary citizen who has felt let down and was not ready to keep his emotions seeing his people [the Palestinians] there across the river being destroyed," be said.

read anger in the Arab world. "Netanyahu's behavior has pushed this Palestinian Arab land is usurped ... When

Shelkh Yourd Ahmed, a local older said Israel, wanted domination, not genuine,

All the Jordanian people extended their hands for peace but the Israelis have not extended their bands fully for an honor able, just and comprehensive peace," he. said, echoing widespread disappointment by ordinary Jordanians with the few gains so far from the 1994 peace treaty with Israel.

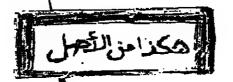
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Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan (left), visits one of the wounded girls at a hospital near Shuna.

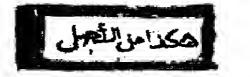
| The Cambridge Illustrated History of BRITISH THEATRE   | KILLS<br>Continued from Page 1<br>premier.<br>Foreign Minister David Levy<br>declared, "All verbal violence and<br>threats of violence are immediately<br>translated into actions, such as yes-<br>terday's killing fields Jordan   | under the terms of the peace accord<br>with Israel.<br>The children had gotten off the<br>bus after entering the enclave,<br>passing through the Jordanian bor-<br>der post, where their ID cards were<br>checked. One of the teachers'<br>assistants on the tour, Ya'acov<br>Zecharya, said that they were<br>standing at the observation post   | fire," said Zecharya. "The girls<br>started screaming. We thought to<br>try and stop him but we had no<br>means to do so. We started to push<br>the girls down the embankment.<br>"All the Jordanian soldiers had<br>automatic weapons but they didn't<br>do anything to push him or shoot at<br>him to stop bim.<br>"I saw that be was determined to              | brought to the Israeli side, as wern<br>four of the wounded, and those<br>who were unhurt. The four wound<br>ed youngsters were evacuated to<br>Poriya Hospital suffering from<br>light to moderate gunshot wounds<br>The hospital reported that the<br>were in satisfactory condition.<br>Two of the wounded and five o  |
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| by Simon Trussler<br>Lavishly illustrated in the best tradition of the Cambridge University Press, this 404 pp.<br>volume presents a social and cultural history of Britain as much as a description of<br>actors, directors, designers and authors.<br>From the early Middle Ages to contemporary times and themes, the author describes<br>early forms of drama and religious ceremony and weaves the history of social and<br>political forces which shaped theatre.<br>Summe Trussler<br>Summe Trussler<br>Summe Trussler<br>Summe Trussler  | must take stock and monitor all<br>those who have weapons. This<br>psychological escalatioo could<br>cause more catastrophes. Who<br>knows how many crazies who<br>carry weapons are waiting for the<br>'Green Light' [as they interpret]<br>statements made characterizing<br>Israel as it is characterized today."<br>Netanyahu, in a statement yester-<br>day, also warned that violence | overlookiog the site of the historic<br>Rutenberg hydroelectric plant<br>when the massacre occurred.<br>A soldier, reportedly a driver<br>named Ahmed Moussa, 26, from<br>Adasiya, a town near the site, took<br>a colleague's rifle and climbed the<br>observation tower, above the site<br>where the children were standing.<br>Zecharya said he saw the soldier<br>climb down from the tower and | kill the girls, the children, whoev-<br>er," said Zecharya.<br>The soldier, eyewitnesses said,<br>continued firing, apparently emp-<br>tying one magazine before his sec-<br>ond jammed. It was at that point<br>that other Jordanian soldiers<br>jumped on him and managed to<br>subdue him.<br>Tour guide Raz Hess said he saw<br>the gunman approach a girl who | those killed were apparently left<br>behind at the scene when the other<br>were evacuated and they were<br>taken by the Jordanians to a hospi<br>tal in the nearby village of Shuna.<br>Several hours later, the bodies of<br>the five, together with the two<br>wounded girls, were brought by an<br>IAF helicopter to Hadassah<br>University Hospital in Jerusalem'<br>Ein Kerem. |
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NAHARAYIM SLAUGHTER

## **Israelis barred** from Naharayim

#### By ARIEH O'SULIVAN

Acting on orders from Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, the IDF and Israel Police have barred Israelis and tourists from entering the Naharayim enclave until the investigation into yesterday's massacre is completed.

Defense officials said it was possible that Israel would ask to renegotiate the security arrangements at Naharayim, but they added this would only discussed following the inquiry. Speaking at the site of the

attack, Mordechai hinted it may have been instigated by the recent caustic comments by Jordanian leaders against the Israeli government

"To my regret, verbal violence can bring about physical vio-lence," Mordechai said. "Look how words and a harsh atmosphere can also lead to violence. What is needed now from all leaders is to do everything possible to prevent violence and prevent a process in which someone will

"There is no evidence at this

moment that this terrible incident is

related to the tensions in the area

over the issues," Clinton told

peace and reconciliation, that no one jump to any undue conclusions.

"We dou't have the facts. ... But

we have no reason to believe that

this was politically motivated by

any larger group or anything. We

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the peace process which took so much hard work."

While Israeli leaders linked the shooting to the recent harsh criticism against Israel by Jordanians, the Jordanians expressed deep regret for the attack. Both King Hussein and Jordan's Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti telephoned Mordechai and extended their condolences.

"What can I say other than [to speak of] a sense of deep embar-rassment and human anguish," said Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan during a visit to Naharayim. "I want to emphasize that justice will be served, that a full investigation will be conduct-ed, that this investigation will be with the full knowledge of the

Israeli police," Hassan added. Kiog Hussein spoke to Mordechai in the afternoon, but it wasn't until late last oight that he telephoned Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. As soon as word of the attack

translate it into taking up arms and reached Israel, the IDF contacted start killing and drastically harm Jordanian commanders at all lev-Jordanian commanders at all levels to coordinate the evacuation of those wounded who were brought

to the hospital in Shuna. The action was commanded by Northern Police Commander Supt. Alec Ron and OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, who has good relations with the Jordanians.

Dayan visited the wounded in the hospital, escorted by Prince Hassan and top Jordanian Army officers.

The attack was an embarrassment for the Jordanians and e failure that may cost them not just a setback io relations, but also a change in the character of their hold on the Naharayim enclave.

"I demanded that there be a representative of the Israel Police on the investigation team, so that we know everything that happened here in a true and accurate way, and so we can draw the right conclusions and [take] steps if needed," Mordechai said.



Margalit Badayev is comforted by a friend as she weeps at her daughter Shiri's funeral in Givat Shaul last night. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in a culogy: "If anyone thinks the murder of little girls will bring this people to its knees...break our spirit or that we will relinquish our birthright, holy land and our eternal capital, he does not know the strength that exists in each person standing here around me today and in the entire nation."

## Tichon: The pain is all of ours

LIAT COLLINS cent schoolgins." Expressions of shock, sorrow and condolences were made across the political spectrum following yesterday's deadly attack in Naharayim.

Tsomet faction chairman Eliezer party's response team, stressed that additional proof that a crisis with ver-"words can cause madmen to carry bal attacks can on the Arab side turn

### sters along with their teacher were taken to the clubhouse at

nearby Kibbutz Gesher, where they were given first aid where, necessary, food and drink, and telephones to call their anxious parents. "They are hysterical. We

Teacher:

It was a

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By DAVID RUDGE

Schoolteacher Rosa Himi

vesterday described the events

that brought a bloody and trag-

ic end to the annual tour for

seventh and eighth graders from the AMIT Fuerst school.

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who was very nice," Himi said.

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Naharim electricity plant. In

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suddenly we heard a burst of fire. I looked up and saw the

Jordanian soldier firing from

"I shouted to the girls to go

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ered in mustard plants in

bloom. The girls started to take

cover as one burst came after

not succeeding, so he came after us to the edge (of the slope) and started firing at us from face-to-face distance. He

had to change a magazine and

when he did so, which didn't

work, that was the end of it. It

was a nightmare. I still can't

"I started to call the girls

who were around me and saw

that some of them didn't

answer me. I said to myself,

'What will happen until help

comes?' so I started to push

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"Afterwards, I asked the

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The Jordanian soldiers were

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just don't know that." Clinton called the shootings a "senseless denial of a future for. these children" and said, "There is no justification or excuse for these acts. I condemn this act in the strongest possible terms."

he would Burns said the US believes slain girls in his thoughts when he Hussein will carry through with his visited a Florida elementary school visit, but that it would "obviously today. understand" a decision to postpone "I call on the leaders and the people in the region to condemn violence," Clinton said. Secretary of State Madeleine According to a Jordanian official Albright issued a statement, calling the shooting "especially heartrendhere, "there is a possibility" that King Hussein might cancel his visit ing." "The loss of children is particularto Washington to supervise the ly tragic because it is through the investigation into the killing. peace process that we are trying to create for them a better future," she Hussein returned home from Spain after hearing the news of the shoot-

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By HILLEL KUTTLER and agenices ing and at minimum will not arrive in Washington on Saturday as WASHINGTON - President Bill

scheduled, the official said. Clinton condemned yesterday's "Obviously, he's concerned about shooting in which seven Israeli what happened because it was in schoolgirls were murdered, but Jordan and these [victims] were urged that "no one jump to any obviously guests. He wanted to deal undue conclusions" that the killing with it firsthand." came in response to tensions over

Ambassador Fayez Tarawne called his counterpart Eliyahu Ben-Elissar to express his condolences, an Israeli Embassy official said. Clinton told reporters he had not spoken to Hussein but had conveyed his sympathy to Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu. Hussein is scheduled to meet with Clinton on Monday.

Clinton said the incident "will bear heavily on my mind" and that there is "no justification or excuse" for it. He also urged leaders in the region to "do everything in their power to create an atmosphere in which violence is rejected rather than embraced."

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns called the killer a "madman," but said he did not know that he was "certifiably: crazy. "Anyone, any soldier, who opens

fire on a group of schoolgirls is a

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like this tragedy, against innocent people, girls, who have nothing to do with war and politics."

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Education Minister, said the massacre "was the result of the extremely volatile situation created by the Israeli government's policy on settlements, of actually creating on the Arab side and the Palestinian side an atmosphere of hostility and distrust.

also condemned the murders.

statement the UN chief deplores this act of violence and extends condolences to the families of the victims and the government and people

"Today's tragic incident highlights

reporters as be left the White House for e trip to North Carolina. "For all we know, this may have been just a deranged person. And I think it is important, given King Hussein and Jordan's long record of reaching for

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A spokesman for Annan said in a

said The Palestinian Authority also expressed its condolences. Ahmed Abdel-Rahman, PA Cabinet secretary, said, "I hope there will be nothing in the future

He was relieved to hear the killer

read in the newspaper concerning King Hussein's letter to

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UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and the Security Council

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added his voice to the condemnations."I learned with horror of this abominable attack ... and wish to share with you my indignation and sadness," Chirac aides quoted him as messaging Netanyahu from Brazil, where Chirac is on an official visit. Jon Immanuel contributed to this

report.

Nearly all the responses included a call for restraint.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon scut a message of condolence to Beit Shemesh Mayor Danny Vakain in the name of the whole House saying, "The pain is all of ours and it is our duty to stand as one in the face of this type of madman: for life, for peace and for the future of our children.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid announced his party would postpone a no-confidence motion scheduled for Monday "because it is not appropriate during a week of

Religious Party leader Zevulun Hammer said: "The murder is shocking proof of just how far theage of peace is from being peaceful."The faction issued a statement

out hideous crimes." MK Yossi Beilin, a candidate for the Labor party leadership, said bothIsrael and the Arab states must be aware that words can cause people to squeeze the trigger.

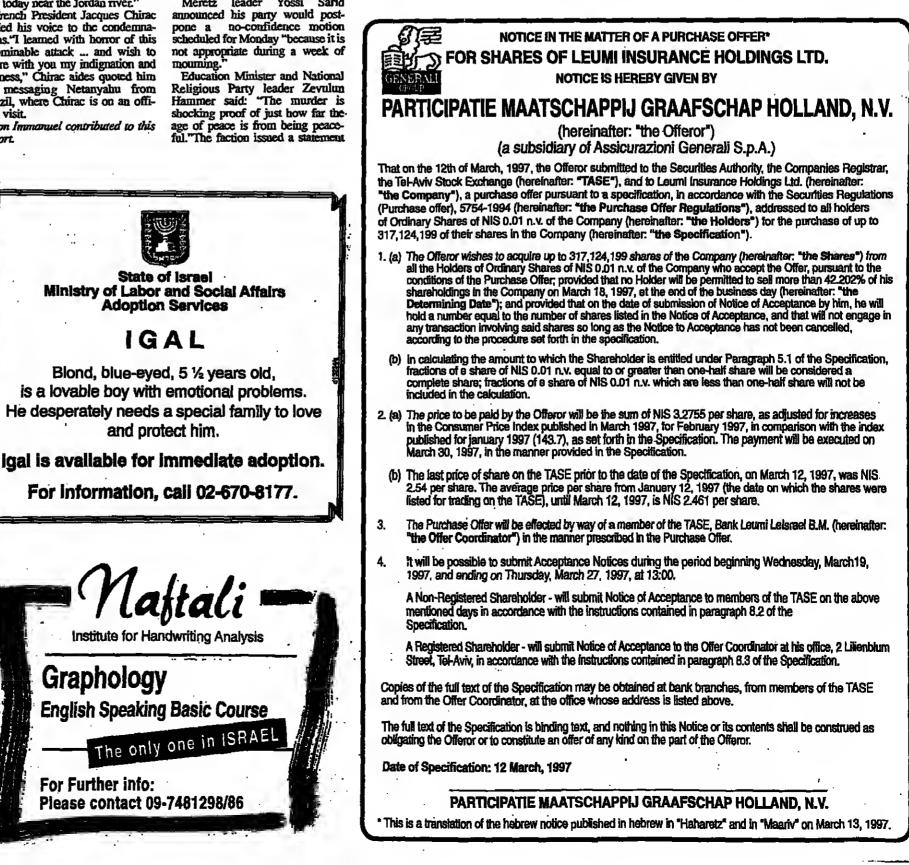
MK Michael Kleiner (Gesber), head of the Land of Israel Front, described the letter sent by King

into an act of violence. It 's a real danger that needs to be dealt with." The Hadash faction issued a statement condemning "the dreadful nurder of schoolgirls in the Jordan Valley," and called for restraint and "to avoid cynically exploiting the tragedy to worsen the crisis in relations with Jordan."

wounded and some of them would not be coming back to us," said Himi et the kibbutz before leaving to continue the process of identifying the youngsters killed in the massacre.

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## The Naharayim tragedy

nce again, the hearts of all Israelis are sickened by the news of a terrible tragedy. Seven young girls, on a school trip to see a concrete example of the warm peace with Jordan, were massacred by a rogue Jordanian soldier. The response to the loss of so many young lives must go beyond a temporary hiatus from rhetoric that incites violence. Even if the action was of an isolated madman, it should force responsible Arab leaders to address the culture of batred against Israel that permeates the Arab world.

The youngsters were standing on Naharavim. the "island of peace," a spit of land that was transferred to Jordan by Israel under the peace treaty, but was leased back by Israel so the nearby kibbutzim could continue to cultivate their fields there. Just as the girls were listening to a description of this close Israeli-Jordanian cooperation, they were fired upon.

For Jordan, this incident constitutes a tremendous security failure and is a deep embarrassment, King Hussein quickly called President Weizman to say he felt as if the tragedy had happened to "his children." Later, bowever, he defended the blistering letter he had sent Sunday to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, in which he blamed Israel's policies for fostering "inevitable violent resistance" from the Palestinians.

Israeli leaders, such as Netanyahu, Foreign Minister David Levy. and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai were right to conclude from this incident that the drumbeat of similar predictions of "spontaneous" violence from the Palestinians, Jordan, and Egypt must stop.

, As Netanyahu put it, "I believe that this incident demonstrates what I have long contended that the mentality of certain elements wbo sanctify violence and are prepared to use violence poses the greatest threat to the peace process. Neither do I expect anyone to grant legitimacy to violence, in any form. We may have political differences, but there must be a total, absolute and vigorous rejection of all manifestations of violence, of this or any other kind."

King Hussein, and all those who have recently been predicting violence, would no doubt deny that they support violence, or that such predictions lead to violence. The fact is that predictions of violence are a subtle form of justification, particularly if they are not accompanied by explicit rejections of violence and calls for restraint. Whether or not this specific slaughter was caused by all the talk of potential violence is a moot point; chances are that we will never know. What we do know is that those who seek to advance their interests in the peace process by fostering a climate of violence are playing with fire. They certainly should not be allowed to get away with doing so in the name of the Deace.

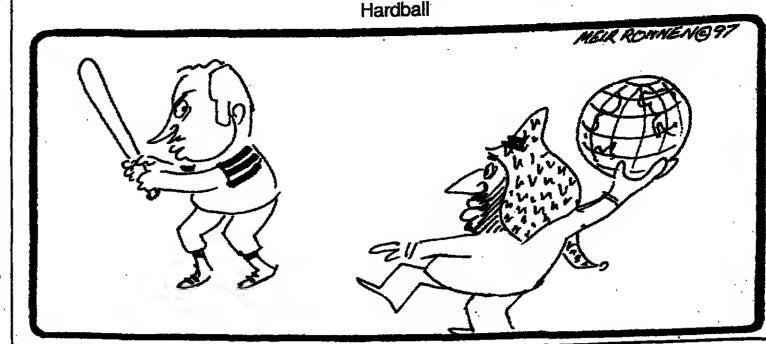
But the problem is deeper than those who claim to be promoting peace by threatening violence. There is a longer-term prohlem that likely had as much or more influence on the Jordanian soldier than the current tense atmosphere: The widespread opposition in the Arab world to any accommodation with Israel.

As the noted Arab-American political analyst Fouad Ajami wrote in a much-quoted article in U.S. News and World Report "There has been no discernible change in the Arab attitudes toward Israel and little preparation in the Arab world for the accommodation the peace promised. The great refusal persists. A foul wind attends this peace in Arab lands. It blows in that 'Arab street' of ordinary men and women, among the intellectuals and the writers, and in the professional syndicates. The force of this refusal can be seen in the press of the governments and of the oppositionists, among the secularists and the Islamists alike, in countries that have concluded diplomatic agreements with Israel and those that baven't. This is the one great Arab fidelity that endures in a political culture that has been subjected to historic ruptures of every kind."

It is ironic that in Israel the strongest support for the peace process is among intellectuals, while in Egypt and Jordan the exact opposite situation persists. In the Arab world, the peace with Israel is, as Ajami puts it, a "peace of kings and obaraohs." not of the people at large.

Normally far-sighted leaders such as King Hussein understand this, and are courageous in their attempts to lead by example. Over time, the sight of Arab leaders meeting their Israeli counterparts, Israeli flags flying in their capitals, Israeli tourists visiting their countries, can slowly break taboos and barriers. But this sort of evolutionary process does not move quickly enough. It must be supplemented by effort, not just from the top down, but from the ground

The maps throughout the Arab world on which Israel does not appear - including those on official, Palestinian documents - must be -changed. Arab schoolchildren should learn not only about the wars with Israel, but also about. the hope for peace. Arab intellectuals and professionals who know better must challenge their colleagues and professional associations to talk to Israelis, not boycott them. The "people-topeople" sections of Egyptian and Jordanian peace treaties and the Oslo II accord should not



## The trouble is the nature of Oslo

**GERALD M. STEINBERG** 

nce again, Israel is in cri-sis. Headlines scream warnings of violence and Jewish control of a united an end to the peace process if "something isn't done." And yes-Jerusalem are supported by a vast majority of Israelis terday's devastating oews of

Most Israelis want to ensure that Jewish access to the center of Jewish life and religion, lost for 2,000 years and only regained in 1967, is oot lost again. Yasser Arafat's antics after the

Western Wall Tunnel exit was opened in September, resulting in many totally meaningless deaths

decisions can be delayed, then suddenly solved in final status negotiations?

(the exit stayed open and has been forgotteo), reinforced this consen-

through the Hebron withdrawal, It is difficult to conceive of any releasing Palestinian terrorists, and other actions. Netanyahu government compromising on the made a credible effort to limit the consolidation of Jewish rights in crisis, but in reality there was little Jerusalem. The Har Homa building plan was approved by Rabin, and a Labor-led government The real cause of the trouble is the nature of the Oslo process, would have made the same deciwith the assumption that the most sion to go ahead - and been similarly criticized.

difficult decisioos could be This isn't an ideological issue; delayed and then suddenly solved neither is it dependent on the level Take the three key issues of trust between Netanyahu and Jerusalem, a Palestinian state, and Arafat, Netanyahu and Hussein, Jewish settlements. On these, it or Netanyahu and Clinton. It is makes little difference wbo's part of the battle for control over prime minister - Rabin, Peres, or Jerusalem - and the battle became inevitable with the Oslo agree-Netanyahu. None of them could satisfy Palestinian and Arab ment, in which the future of Jerusalem was opened up for dis-'All public opinion polls show and shared to cussion. 10 - 1 - 21 that measures to ensure continued

The second source of the crisis stake, five years of tenoous coex-

is the extent of the Israeli redeployment - and this relates directly to the issue of a Palestinian state. This is another questioo that was left to the "final status talks," because here too, there was no basis for agreement. For the Palestinians it's simple:

The more Israel withdraws, the easier it will be to declare a state unilaterally. Netanyahu has this figured out as well, which means

Why assume that the most difficult

that here also the conflict was inevitable. THE architects of Oslo naively

hoped that by the time the issues of Jerusalem, borders, and settlements came on the table, the interim period would bave created enough trust and cooperation to bridge the gaps.

The theory was that the Israelis and Arabs - on Jerusalem, in particular, the Palestinians are part of the wider Arab coalition, with echoes of the 1940s and 1950s would develop sufficient interests in the peace process to be willing to make major compromises in their claims.

However, as anyone who has studied" history 'should" know," when vital national interests, developed over centuries, are at"

istence (mixed with waves of terrorism) are not going to lead to basic changes.

Other Israeli leaders might have played the issue differently, but a Labor-led government under Rabin, Peres or Barak would have been faced with civil conflict and divisions that would have weakened the Israeli position even fur-

So where does this leave us? First, with the knowledge that new elections or a national unity. government will not end the confrontation with the Palestinians and Arab world over these central issues.

If a more united government can be formed - and it's highly unlikely - Israel may become stronger, more able to face the orchestrated protests and pressures from the rest of the world. But the sub-, stance of the conflicts will remain the same.

So there is little choice but to ride out this storm.

When this crisis wave ends, if the toll in terms of violence and terror rises no higher, a new effort can be made to reconcile Israel's requirements regarding Jerusalem and boundaries with more realistic Palestinian aspirations.

But there is little reason to hope that these critical issues can be discussed, under any circumstances, without threats, crises, and pressure.

The writer is a senior research associate at the Begin-Sadat's Center for Strategic Studies, Barit Ilan University.

Holy, whole, and wholehearted

**JOSEF BURG** 

When the discussion on Jerusalem

becomes double-talk, we Jews have

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be ignored.

The Israeli Embassy in Jordan was flooded yesterday with expressions of deep sorrow and embarrassment, from Jordanians in all walks of life, at the massacre perpetrated by one of their own. The most constructive outcome from this terrible tragedy would be if it sparked efforts to build a culture of peace in the Arab world.

SECULAR MAJORITY

Sir, - According to Roth Dran's

letter, "Orthodoxy" (March 2),

being a Jew is synonymous to

However, if a Jew becomes an

atheist or an agnostic he does not

stop being Jewish. As a matter of

fact, the majority of Jews are sec-

Therefore, if a person decides to

DR. JACOB ROSIN

MISHA LOUVISH

Tuesday,

being Orthodox.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### QUALIFICATIONS TO LEAD

#### ENTERTAINING

Sir, - I agree with Alice Sbaivi's article "Joy, But the Battle Goes On,"(March 7) that there must be an ongoing effort to improve the status of women to Israeli society. But I question whether or not Ms. Shalvi is the appropriate person to be leading that effort. In an interview with The Jerusalem Post on July 25, 1986; Ms. Shalvi asserted: "As far as interpersonal relations are concerned, they took a turn for the worse, 1 remember, in the early 1950s when the Moroccan immigration began. Until that point, there wasn't any violence. But the North Africans really pulled knives." As a woman of Moroccan ori-

gin, I take offense at Ms. Shalvi's attempt to falsely blame North African Jewry for the introduction of violence to Israeli society. Her statements smack of racism and suggess that she does oot fegard Moroccan Jewish women the equals of their Ashkeoazi sisters. Until Ms. Sbalvi publicly apologizes for her remarks, many of us will continue to doubt her qualifications to lead the Israeli women's movement. DINA ATTIAS

#### Beit Shemesh.

Alice Shalvi responds: The interview in The Jerusalem Post which Ms. Atuas so vividly recalls unfortunately omitted my explanation of the violence, namely the anger and frustration felt by immigrants from the Arab couotries, who found themselves treated as second-class citizens, their culture despised and their centuries-old traditions vilified and ridiculed. Pace Ms. Atrias, 1 do not think I have any reason to apologize. She should learn to check facts with the primary source before venturing to respond, particularly, if the response is as accusatoty as hers.

Sir, -This letter is long overdue. For years I've been enjoying Adina Hoffman's humorous, biting film reviews and would like to thank ber. I never see movies, but - judging from her critiques - the films themselves don't provide anything as consistently entertaining as her witty, light-hearted column. SARAH SHAPIRO Jerusalem

#### SOMETHING RIGHT

become a Jew, it is not logical that Sir. - If the whole world is angry he should be forced to join the small minority of Orthodox at us, we must be doing something instead of becoming a member of right. The world usually applauds Israel, when Israel is dismemberthe majority. ing itself.

L. BEAME

Jerusalem

#### LOVE TRIANGLE

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ular.

Sir, - In its advertisements in The Jerusalem Post, the Cameri Theater describes its production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night as a hysterical love triangle between a not part of any "love triangle." man, woman and teenage boy." This is just nonsense; it is difficult to believe that whoever drafted this description ever read or saw the play. There are two "love interests" in the play. First, there is the delicate and restrained triangle Orsino, Viola, Olivia, which is between a man, a woman and a woman disguised as a man. It would be a distortion to describe this part of the Jerusalem.

#### SIMPLE ADDITION

Sir, - The reason that we often as at present, the solution seems so find mistakes in our bank accounts very simple; let the branches be is becoming clearer. Wheo I went Monday, open Wednesday and Thursday both to school and learned simple addimornings and evenings, open on Friday till noon and theo re-open tion and subtraction we were taught that four and one-half minus half makes four, but accordon Sunday afternoon between 4 ing to the bank workers union this and 6 p.m. Thus, the clients will have a five day service and the bank workers will have an uninterwould make five. Surely if the bankers and the union were really interested in giv-

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rupted two day week-end. EMANUEL FISCHER ing the clients a five-day service Jerusalem. instead of four-and-one-half days

#### that I first encountered Boutros Boutros-Ghali, then Egypt's foreign minister. his office. It was a veritable tour d'horizon, encompassing Boutros-

monotheistic religions. Toward the eod of our conversa-

Tt was in 1979, as chairman of

tion, while the higher-echeloo civil servants waited outside, Boutros-Ghali told me that there would be no peace without an agreement with the Palestinians. 1 took his words as a statement of fact - not as a threat, but as a challenge.

remember a great feeling of sarisfaction, being under the impression that premier Mustapha Khalil had accepted our proposal that the many questions, problems, departments, and authorities concerning the autonomy could and should be divided into three spheres:

autonomy anthorities;

\* Those, like defense and foreign affairs, which should remain

Next morning, however, I received a cold shower. Khalil informed me quite categorically that my proposals were unacceptable to the Egyptians.

Egyptian General All, the general asked me: "Why do you need Jerusalem as a political capital? After all, it is a city holy to the tated to dig deeper to find out whether this negation of what had been virtually summed op the three monotheistic religions." evening before stemmed from the Egyptians' inability to accept that certain aspects of the autonomy

#### POSTSCRIPTS

NORWAY HAS the world's highest incidence of depression related to winter, a psychologist said. More than 20 percent of Norwegians suffer depression and related symptoms during winter, but the rate can reach up to 27 percent in some pans of the far north, according to Arne Holte, psychology professor

at Norway's Tromsoe University. Between 5 and 10 percent were so seriously affected that they required treatment.

"Norway provides the best laboratory in the world for such an invesfigation," Holte said. Psychiatrists say the condition disrupts the lives of millions of unwitting sufferers from North America to Australia Winters in Norway are long and

hard and inhabitants in northerly regions are shrouded in darkness 24 hours a day from late November to the end of January. In the summer between May and July, the sun does

not set.

HUMORISTS HAVE been forbiddeo from poking fun at the president and other senior officials in Christmas and New Year programs broadcast on state televi-

sion in Albania. "No burnor about the president, the prime minister, the government, the speaker of the parlia-ment and television will be allowed in the year-end program," said the order.

The decision was reminiscent of

ter was settled - at least for that meeting In 1980 president Reagan said Jerusalem would remain united, but its final status would have to be

negotiated. I was then in New York. I reacted by commenting that having been in Prague in March 1939 when the Germans entered it, my Old World ears heard reverberations of Chamberlain's words about an honorable peace for our peration.

representative Sol Linovitz and THE declaration that Jerusalem Egyptian General Ali, the general will be a united city whose final status still has to be negotiated is very close to dooble-talk. There's no question that the Old

City represents a historic and My answer was that I well knew unique unit with a concentration this fact, and could also cite the of sites holy to about 1,500 milexact date Jerusalem began being lion believers of the three a holy city for us Jews: It was monotheistic religions.

For all of this boly area - holy and explosive - there should and can be found a special solution guaranteeing freedom of worship . and internal administration for. every creed and denomination.

This guarantee of freedom is for me not a simple declaration of words, but an obligation of values. We Jews are the classic example of a people that is a minority all over the world, and throughout the centuries. Here in Israel we are the majority, a singular fact that obliges. us to avoid committing the sins committed against us.

We know from history that religious controversy can be very dreadful. Even now, at the end of the 20th century, we see the cruelty that ensues when religion and nationality are active and overlapping - in Ireland, Bosnia, and in Jerusalem.

But Jerusalem is the City of Peace, and must live up to its пате.

The constant threats that we hear from the Arab side do not lead in the direction of a solution. Let them not forget that the famous Arab historian Tabari (839-923) reports the suggestion made to the Caliph Omar (634-44) that Moslem prayers be directed toward Jerusalem rather than toward the Ka'aba in Mecca. Omar refused. Prayers, he said, must be in the direction of the Ka'aba.

We Jews must recall that in 1819 an antisemitic movement called Hep, Hep sprang up in Southern Germany. This name, which became a kind of battle cry against the Jews, derives from an acronym of the three Latin words: Hierosolyma est perdida, meaning "Jerusalem is lost."

It will never be lost again.

The writer, president of World Mizrahi, was longtime leader of the National Religious Party.

Communist times, when public bimor was limited to low-ranking local officials.

Filip Cakulli, one of the humorists working for the program, said he considered the order absurd. We wouldn't have made fun of the president like they do in the

United States, but some little jokes would not harm anyone," he said, adding the "dangesous" jokes had already been taken out of the program. . j

Israeli-Arab committees; The other part centers on the deception of Malvolio, which could totally in Israel's hands.

would be administered jointly, or

the Ministerial Committee for the Negotiations with Egypt Concerniog the Questioo of Autonomy for the Arab inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and Gaza,

We met and talked in Cairo, at Ghali's views of Europe and the in a Palestinian state.

I recall the evening the two del-egations met in Herzliya. I

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be described as "hysterical" but is The only teenage boy in the cast is Viola's brother Sebastian, who Uowilling to jeopardize other aspects of the negotiations, I hesidoesn't conduct any love affair at all - he just accepts the beautiful heiress Olivia when she throws herself at him at the end of the play. Such nonsense as the advertisement can only damage the reputa-

to set the record straight In our talks with the Egyptians, answered by restating that Jerusalem would remain indivisithe question of Jerusalem almost never came up - certainly not in ble. any political tug-of-war. I was mentioned the fact that Jerusalem is cited in the Bible 656 sure that our Egyptian partners in times, and in the Koran not once. the oegotiations fully understood

1 said "656 versus 0," and the matthat for us Jerusalem was not only a matter of the heart, but also the heart of the matter. There was never a Palestine as

an Arab state, and therefore there was also never a Jerusalem as the capital of an Arab state.

The only time during the last 2,000 years that Jerusalem was a capital city was after the Crusade which started in 1096; Jerusalem was conquered in 1099 by Godfrey de Bouillon, and the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem founded. Once, in Blair House with US

would remain in Israel's hands. At the same time, 1 could not rid myself of the impression that nei-

ther the US nor Egypt were greatly CE. interested in creating a Palestinian Palestine.

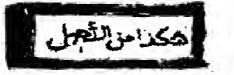
I had often publicly invited Jordan to participate in our meetings, but without any result. My guess was that Jordan too, for reasons of its own, was uninterested

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during a meeting at the White

House with president Carter, prime minister Menachem Begin, and the aotonomy committee. When Carter started to exert pressure concerning Jerusalem, Begin

around the year 1000 BCE. Surely, I said, Jerusalem became



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OPINION

## When silence is golden

ing Hussein feels offended, perhaps rightly. He asked Israel, as a gesture, if he could pilot Yasser Arafat from Amman to Dehaniya, the Palestinians' airfield at Rafiabi, whose operation is now being negotiated with the Palestinians, Israel said no.

Hussein has long been trying to show the Palestinians that his relationship with us can benefit them too - that they couldn't, in fact, do better than rely on his good offices and influence in negotiating a settlement to the conflict. Flying Afarat to Dehaniya in his

own Tristar would have been a fine demonstration of Jordanian influence. As it was, Israel left the king facing the Palestinians with egg on his face, which understand-ably angered him considerably. It's not the first time this sort of

Hossein didn't know that

Netanyahu might have said yes

had oot the defense minister and

the whole defense establishment

objected, wary of creating the

precedent of using Dehaniya

before security arrangements were

However, there was a precedent

Just before the change of gov-

emment, a Moroccan plane carry-

ing medical equipment, food and

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thing has happened. Back in January, when he was shuttling between Gaza and Tel Aviv facilitating the Hehron agreement, TENES OF LET-Hussein asked us if he could land to lead to

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ter Peres opted for a one-time gesture to Morocco. This time, in following the recommendation of his security experts, Netanyahn sowed anger and resentment in Amman, leading to the exchange of letters this week between a hurt king and a "baffled" prime minister. Bot Hussein didn't retaliate in

#### The last thing either israel or Jordan needs right now is a

public quarrel

any concrete way. He didn't recall his ambassador, or even cancel an official invitation to our defense minister for talks on security and at Dehaniya, and met with refusal. strategic cooperation. It was to show the Palestinians

So the flew thy helicopter to Arafat's offices in Gaza instead. that he wasn't part of any Har Homa "conspiracy" with Israel The difference then was that the Palestinians knew nothing about that the king wrote so stemly to about it. Hussein's credibility wasn't Netanyahu, sending a copy to the undermined - on the contrary; his' Palestinians - who leaked it 24 efforts to bring about the Hebron hours before it was officially agreement were crowned with sucreleased in Amman.

The letter was a sort of Valium This week was very different; pill for the Palestinians, meant to this time, the air corridor through calm them down, to assure them which the king had planned to that the king remains faithful to carry the Palestinians regally, Arah solidarity. under his wings, suddenly dropped out of the sky.

ANYONE who sees this as a new development in Israeli-Jordanian relations is mistaken. For years King Hussein has stated - and he said it again this week - that there must be peace between the descendants of Abraham, but that there is also Arab unity, to which all Arab leaders subscribe.

This is the setting in which Israel must promote relations with its neighbor on the cast bank of the river. Our special relationship does not mandate concessions to the king at the expense of vital Israeli

interests, but it does require the occasional display of generosity. While avoiding any impression that there is an Israeli conspiracy with the king over building at Har Homa, we cannot go too far in the opposite direction and allow Jordan to think it can dictate Palestinian conditions either on

Har Homa, or on the extent of the

first stage of withdrawal. Jordan has every right to demand that Israel explain anything regarding the Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem; that right stems from the peace treaty. But Israel needn'i justify huilding in Jerusalem, or take refuge in the claim that coalition pressures forced Netanyahu to go ahead.

It's hard for the king to fathom that a leader cannot impose his views on his public; that was clear from his letter.

There was nothing much wrong with Netanyahu's response, but he would have done better to hold his horses. And his strident verbal comments were simply superfluous.

Far better to draw the moral and take every precaution to see that no aircraft lands at Dehaniya today or tomorrow under the umbrella of the international congress in Gaza. The airfield must not become the next stop on an Israeli-Palestinian collision course.

Hussein wrote that be feared further bloodshed, and in this he was sincere.

Over the years, prompted by his own need for a stahle kingdom, he has worked to free the region from war. He will thus do what he can to cool the flames of this new Israeli-Palestinian crisis. Too much public criticism of Israel could stir tensions and lead to further incidents of the kind we witnessed yesterday at Naharayim:

The last thing Israel and Jordan needs right now is an unnecessary quarrel. It serves oeither country's interests.

The writer, a veteran journalist,

## **Fixers and wreckers**

ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

f it works, don't fix itl In one important respect, the law for Ldirect election of the prime minister is working exactly as

a wedge between the the prime minister and the coalition he The worse the coalition crisis, leads. The role of the governmenthas changed from that of a forum the better the new law looks. The Hebron deal and the continuation's where decisions are made to that. of the execction of the Oslo of a forum that ratifies decisions agreements would have been made by the prime minister and his personal advisers. No wonder

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outcome of partisan, oot constitutional, considerations.

Ehud Barak, the odds-on favorite for future Labor leadership, has declared in a campaign brochure that "the direct election of the prime minister puts to the test our constitutional system and the regime in Israel." He bas called for "an examination, from experience and perspective, of

comments on current affairs.

sored hy AIPAC's American Israel Education foundation, meeting with Israel's political and secu-rity leadership and visiting Israeli defense and industrial facilities across the country.

spent an intense few days in

Israel last month, ou a trip spon-

I came away with a renewed sense of Israel's dedication to pursuing peace with its oeighbors, of its desire to renew negotiations with Syria and Lebanon, and to seek an equitable solution in fits negotiations with the Palestinians. However, while Israel ardently pursues peace it is clear that it faces enhanced security threats today and the prospect of growing threats in the future. Defense Minister Mordechai outlined many of these threats. He pointed to ongoing terrorism from Lebanon, to the growth of conventional military forces in the Middle East, and to the stunning development of weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them throughout the region. Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and others today have in their possession, or are developing, the means to suddenly annihilate large portions of Israel's population with hiological, chemical, or nuclear weapons. These developments could easily continue even if Israel reaches a comprehensive peace with .. its immediate neighbors. As a member of the National Security Committee, it is fascinating for me to observe the difference between the way our media in the US relates to peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors, and to peace in other parts of the world. In Europe, we focus on security issues like NATO expansion, in the hope that we can perfect structures that will preserve peace in ran unstable world. In the Persian Gulf, we spend most of our time thinking about Gulf security, about American force presence and other means that will deter war. But for too many thinkers, the Arab-Israeli conflict is more like a

But life is not like a fairy tale. A stable peace in the Middle East will depend upon a stable security covironment based on the interests of each of the parties, and a strong Israeli military establishment.

There is no doubt in my mind that we would not have come as far as American forces deployed in the

JANE HARMAN

missile missiles that will shoot down Scuds like those that hit Israel and Sandi Arahia during the Gulf War. Coogress provides funding for Israeli's Arrow missile program, which oot only will help defend Israel, but will help defend

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Energy Laser designed to destroy With the Hebron agreement, Katyusha rockets like those

cooperation betweeo our countries in addressing oew regional threats. As a strong supporter of Israel who feels the need for Israel's security oot only in my head but also in my beart, I came away dedicated to doing my best to make sure that the conperative projects

that come before my committees are robustly funded. In this way, the US and Israel can best address the challenges of the post-Cold War era, so Israel can be secure while it takes difficult risks for peace, and America's



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impossible under the former sys-The stability built into the oew mode of election has reduced the power of coalition extremists. They cannot unseat the prime minister, unless - under the law as it now stands - they are prepared to risk their own seats in the Knesset as well. Hence the proposal to change the law and

eliminate this linkage. The proposal comes from both The paradox of the sides of the political divide. On the right, there are schemes to replace Netanyahu with a leader who will put an end to Oslo. On the left, there is the hope of a Labor-led majority coalition in the present Knesset. On hoth sides, there are potent forces -Ariel Sharon and Shimon Peres who see the proposed change in Minister Dan Meridor to shorten the law as guaranteeing the cre-

the term of the Israel Electric ation of a national unity govern-Corporation's monopoly. The "fighting family" of Herut, Here it is hard to tell the fixers horn in the pre-independence from the wreckers. These new underground, has come to signify reformers are willing to accept not togetherness hut domestic the Knesset as it is. That is, they are prepared to accept all the violence. Clearly there is a strong case damage the direct election of the for change, perhaps repeal, of the prime minister has wrought on direct election law. However, the our political system. This is the present movement for change - in paradox of the reform proposal it kills the one feature of the new both political camps - is marked hy one of the characteristic failsystem that really works as designed, while retaining all the ures of our political culture. Constitutional politics collapse

negative elements that have into partisan politics. debilitated the party system, the parliament, and the government. NO wonder basic laws, the build-The new law has weakened ing blocks of our constitutional both major parties. It has encourfacade, are enacted just like ordiaged the growth of splinter groups, incloding the religious nary laws and in the same forum, the party-structured Knesset. parties and two ethnic factions -Shas, the Sephardi haredi party, now the third largest in the for a constituent assembly truly independent of the Knesset. (The Knesset, and Sharansky's Yisrael one elected after independence Ba'Aliyah, based on newcomers readily transformed itself into the from the former Soviet Union. It First Knesset.) No wonder the has fragmented both the nation present proposal for reform of the

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this government leaks like a the influence of the method oo sieve. Leaks are a form of infightthe parliamentary system and on ing that take the battle, via the the relations between the three hrane bes.

This is precisely what is need-ed. It is precisely what cannot Sometimes the infighting is out in the open. A good example is the obstructive action of Justice possibly be achieved if the forum Minister Tzahi Hanegbi in the for decision is the Knesset. There Knesset to kill the governmentmust be another way. supported effort of Finance

A possibility worth considering is the creation of a judicial commission of investigation.

Typically this has been the mechanism for fixing responsibility for disasters, like the Yom Kippur War mishaps, the rigging of the stocks of the leading banks, proposal: It kills the one good thing in the Machpela Cave massacre, and the Rabin assassination. However. the new system and in the case of health care, a judicial commission of investigation was the vehicle that examined a national problem. Some of its proposals were the hasis for the national health insurance law.

One advantage of the judicial commission is that its members are chosen by the president of the Supreme Court. This in itself provides the necessary insulation from partisan influence.

Since the direct election of the prime minister goes to the heart of popular sovereignty in Israel, the people should have the final say. Therefore, the proposals of the commission should be submitted directly to the people for ratification by referendum, rather than to the government and the Knesset.

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Israel's government has demonstrated couclusively that it will keep its commitments and push the peace process forward. Plans are already under way for further redeployments in the West Bank and for the commencement of final status shortly after launch. As a member of the House negotiations concerning the tough-National Security and Intelligence est issues dividing Israelis and Palestinians. Committees, I came away from

But true peace depends on security - both in Israel's relations with its Arab neighbors and in the US-Israel alliance. The US must steadfastly support Israel as it works its way toward peace in this tumultuous era. We need to pursue this role because of our vital interests in the Middle East - including our commitment to Israel, the only real democracy in the region.

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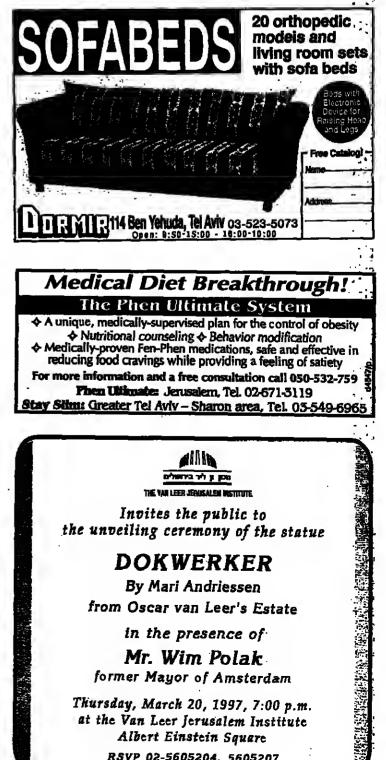
and recalled how this brave warrior was one of the key architects of a vibrant US-Israel relationship. Rabin, who kept the title of launched from Lebanon on an ongodefense minister while he also ing basis. And Israel and America served as prime minister, saw are developing new technologies such as Boost Phase Intercept, that clearly the dynamic relationship between security and peace. His will enable them to shoot down hossober vision should ground us as tile missiles over enemy territory we move forward.

The writer is a US Congresswoman who serves on the House National Security and-Israel heartened by the strong Intelligence Committees.

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### Friday, March 14, 1997 The Jerusalem Post

## Albania asks **Europe for help**

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THE HAGUE - The European Union is seriously considering a request from the Albanian governtaent to provide military assistance to Tirana to restore order, Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van Mierlo said yesterday.

"As far as 1 am concerned all options are open and the request deserves serious consideration," he told Dutch television.

Alhanian President Sali Berisha and all political parties called yesterday for NATO's European members to provide the military assistance "to restore the constitutional order and to preserve the country's integrity."

Van Mierlo, who visited Albania last weekend for emergency talks with Berisha, had earlier telephoned EU colleagues, including Germany's Klaus Kinkel, British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind and Italy's Lamberto Dini, to discuss possible options to deal with the crisis.

Albania slid further towards anarchy yesterday as gunfire crackled around the capital Tirana and authorities closed the main airport after a nearby military base was looted.

Italy and Alhania also asked the UN Security Council yesterday for an urgent meeting to consider the crisis as it spread nationwide.

The requests were made separately by the Albanian and Italian missions to the United Nations in a letter to the current council president, Zbigniew Wlosowicz of Poland.

"Upon instructions from my government ... I have the honor to request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council for the purpose of considering the situation in Albania," Albanian

had also requested a council meeting. He also said the Albanian ambassador to the United Nations met Secretary-General Kofi Annan to hrief him on the deteriorating situation in his country.

when and if they will honor the request.

"There has been no formal approach," said one source at the Brussels headquarters of the organization. He added that the mechanism for such an approach did not exist, hut Berisha could ask NATO's European allies individually to intervene. Meanwhile, NATO ambassadors were reported to have met in informal session to draft a statement calling for an end to violence and political dia-

Both the EU and NATO have called for support Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to defuse the crisis. Military analysts said the WEU, which was revamped only a few years ago, had neither the will major military intervention.

WEU operation.

## Ambassador Pellumh Kulla said in his letter. UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said the Italians

Such requests are usually circulated among the 15 council members, who decide hy consensus

In Brussels, the Western Europeao Union (WEU), the EU's fledgling defence arm, said it had received no request from Albania to provide military assistance to restore order to the troubled Balkan country.

for efforts by the Organization for Security and nor the operational capacity at present to conduct a

Technically, only WEU members can call for a

Members who want to be involved could of course call for it to be done under the auspices of the WEU, but at the moment that is most doubtful," said one military source.



An Albanian rebel carries a handful of weapons delivered from a supply truck.

#### Nigerian workers seize foreign hostages Arrest made in Cosby murder

LOS ANGELES (AP) - One man is under arrest and two other people were being questioned yesterday in the shooting death of the son of popular entertainer Bill Cosby.

The arrest resulted from a tip that "a Russian gang member" was involved, said the editor of a popular tabloid, the National Enquirer.

Prosecutors are expected to file murder charges against the suspect soon, police Chief Willie Williams told a late-night news conference. He said the two others are a man and a woman.

When the arrest was made in the San Fernando Valley, investigators seized evidence linking the man to the roadside killing of Ennis Cosby on Jan. 16, Williams said. He would not elaborate. He did not give the man's name, but said he is believed to be a Los Angeles resideot.

"We're not releasing any information on the reasons wby (the

ney," Williams said. The death of Cosby, 27, a doc-

toral candidate in special education at Columbia University, prompted a huge public outpour-ing of sympathy, and hundreds of calls offering tips to police.

The elder Cosby is the star of the television show Cosby. A tipster interested in the National Enquirer's \$100,000 reward offer was a key to solving the murder, tabloid editor Steve Coz said yes-

terday. "We got a call on our Cosby reward tip line in January, within days of the killing," Coz said. "It was a tip that a Russian gang member was involved in the slay-

Normally it would have sounded like some nut - the Russian mob?" Coz said. "But this guy sounded so credible, we began to pursue it. We started investigating

the Russian mob in L.A." He said the man, who provided an Enquirer reporter with a pager arrest was made) at this time, but oumber, told the paper "his friend

a black boy'." He said his paper gave the pager oumber and name to police. Police wouldn't comment on

Coz's account. Coz said the tipster helped police find the gun by showing the area a few km from the crime

scene where it had been dumped. It was eventually recovered after a thorough search of the area. Ballistics experts identified the gun as the weapon used to kill Ennis Cosby, the Daily News of New York reported yesterday.

In a statement issued through their Los Angeles publicist, the Cosby family thanked the LAPD. We realize how tough it must - have been on them every day. ... We felt certain and had every

hope that they would find the suspect and that the process of jurisprudeoce would unfold," the statement said.

Cosby spokesman David Brokaw told the Today show this morning that the Cosbys showed "a real seose of triumon, exuberance and something along the lines of some sort of closure."

LAGOS (Rcuter) - Delicate negotiations were in progress yesterday to try to free 20 foreigners beld hostage on a barge by Nigerians demanding work, offi-

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cials of the company at the centre of the crisis said.

"We are still talking. It is very delicate negotiations," said an official of the French oil contracting firm ETPM, which is going through its second hostage-taking in Nigeria since December.

The hostages are 16 Frenchmen. three Britons and an American working for ETPM. They are beld on company barge DLB1 hy about 70 local people demanding employment

Other sources said the locals,

some of whom also work for ETPM, wanted better conditions of services.

Western diplomats from the nations involved said the hostages had not been harmed.

"We didn't get any information that the hostages are in bad shape so we think they are reasonably all right," onc said.

ETPM went through a similar crisis last Christmas when 28 of its foreign workers includiog 10 Filipinos and nine Frenchmen were held on a barge offshore by 60 Nigerian workers demanding higher wages.

Apart from being deprived of food for two of the five days they. were held captive, the hostages

were oot harmed.

The latest crisis began when the local workers seized the barge with the foreigners on board offshore in the Escravos area off the midwestern oil coastal town of

Warri.

The barge beached yesterday near Warri, Lagos diplomats said. The French embassy in Lagos was in touch with ETPM and monitoring the negotiations going

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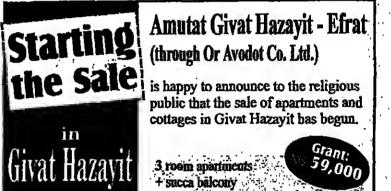
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Eaux-Dumez said in Paris that ETPM was a joint venture betweeo it and McDermott International Inc.

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ETPM spokeswoman in Paris, Ariane Malzac, told a French television the problem was linked to rivalries between local groups.



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Yeltsin reorganizes before Clinton summit MOSCOW (AP) - President

Boris Yeltsin will complete the reorganization of his government before traveling to Helsinki next week to meet with President Clinton, a spokesman said yester-

day. "Maximum clarity regarding the composition of the reorganized Russian government"will be achieved before the March 19-21 summit, presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhemhsky said on Echo Moscow radio. Yeltsin conferred with Prime

Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin in the Kremlin yesterday to work out details of the Cahinet shakeup he ordered last week

The president has accused the Cabinet of failing to deal with pressing economic prohlems, including mounting back wages, faulty tax collection and corruption. The government overhaul reflects "the president's extreme

concern over the situation in the economy, the social sphere and over how the military reform is Yastrzhemhsky proceeding,"

Chemomyrdin and his new top deputy, Anatoly Chuhais, will keep their jobs, but many other ministers and top officials are expected to be fired.

Those responsible for econom-ics and finance are considered particularly vulnerable. Yeltsin has ordered cuts in the number of ministries and federal agencies, and the prime minister has promised to bring more free-market reformers into the government.

The largely hard-line State Duma, the lower house of parliament, has sharply attacked the planned government reorganization, saying the changes will con-tinue Yeltsin's "destructive" course of economic reform.

BRUSSELS (AP) - In one of the biggest fraud cases in Belgian banking history, an executive of Credit Lyonnais Belgium swindled the bank out of 850 million francs (\$25 million), the bank said yesterday.

CLB General Manager Philippe Cloes said Daisy Ragolle, an executive of the bank's branch in Ghent, and her husband, businessman Laurent Demey, were both arrested in connection with the case.

"We traced the transfers to her husband's accounts and companies belonging to him in Belgium and abroad." Cloes said in a telephone interview.

"Sbe did it for love, for her husband. She did it for her husband's companies," he said. The two lived separately.

He said Ragolle, 50, who had been with the bank for 30 years. used her position as controller of regional transactions to embezzle funds through foreign cxchange

and treasury transactions. "She knew exactly what to do,"

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owner picked it up to throw it out

eyes and face, hut his condition

was not serious, said the source,

The bomb injured the owner's

of the store.

## **One hurt in Paris** store explosion

PARIS (AP) - A package bomb who spoke on customary exploded in a store in central Paris anonymity. yesterday, slightly iojuring the

There were conflicting accounts owner and causing minor damage. from witnesses.

The package was thrown into a Jerome Ertola, who was at a home decoration store on Paris's cash machine at a bank next door Left Bank, an area popular with to the store, said he saw a man in a beige raincoat in front of the A police source said someone store. threw a package through the store's window at around 2 p.m.,

Ertola said he beard a "thud." saw smoke coming from the store and the man in the raincoat running down a side street.

Then the injured man staggered out of the store, he said.

"He was bloodied on the face, neck and fingers," Ertola said.

### Tories 24 points below Labor

LONDON (AP) – An opinion poll published yesterday put the Conservative Party 24 points behind the Labor Party, underlining the government's failure to recover popularity as national elections

The poll hy Opinion Research Business for London's Evening Standard put Labor on 53 percent support, the Conservatives 29 percent, and the Liberal Democratic Party 12 percent.

Labor was up two points from ORB's survey a month ago, and the Conservatives were down three points.

The poll was in line with other recent soundings which suggest Prime Minister John Major's government is headed for the higgest defeat since Labor won a landslide victory after World War II in 1945.

Cloes said. "We had a great deal of confidence in her. The higgest amounts were over the last few months." The case came to light when other banks started noticing unusual transactions and warned CMB.

The bank took action Tuesday and an internal audit team confronted her with the accusations. The police came in to make the anest

Demey is chairman of Waregem soccer club, once one of Belgium's most celebrated teams now languishing in the second division. Demey also owns a road construction company, industrial bakerics and several hotels in French and Swiss ski resorts.

CLB said many of the bank accounts where the money ended up have been hlocked. He stressed the bank as such would not suffer financially.

"We are in the process of recuperating most of it," Cloes said, adding that insurance would cover the rest.

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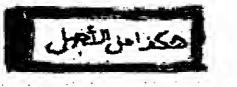
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# **NEWSinFOCUS** Netanyahu's precarious balancing act

Mutual distrust and an inability to please all of the people all of the time appear to be the stalling factors in the peace process, David Makovsky writes.

t one moment during a ing up the phone. Post-midnight

negotiating session a couple months ago where only Prime Minister Bioyamio Netanyahu, ... Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, and a translator were together in a room, sources say Netanyahu looked at Arafat and said, as if he had just had an epiphany, "the problem is, ynu don't trust me!" Arafat, who uotil that point had been using an Arabic translator, blurted out in English: "Yes, that is right." While some ministers sought to

dreary.

put King Hussein on the defensive after yesterday's bloody attack at Naharayim, the substance of the monarch's letter to Netanyahn included one undeniable truth. Can any worthwhile relationship thrive in the absence of mutual respect and trust?"

Yet, whenever Netanyahu is asked about trust between himself and Arafat, the prime minister prefers to brush aside this issue and speak instead of "motual interests."

Nobody is expecting that an entire peace process will be based solely upon trust, since there are deeper underlying forces at work. However, at a time of crisis, like this week, the lack of any personal or even limited trust is crucial since it seems to deprive Israelis and Palestinians of an intimate

Last week, Arafat complained to

not call him regularly. This week,

now that Netanyahu wants to

speak to Arafat, it is the

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The issue of trust has been thrust to the forefront due to the dual nature of negotiations, camely ocgotiating both with a peace partcer and, in a sense, negotiating simultaneously with constituents. Netanyahu bas been seeking to bring Likud supporters along the peace path by trying to balance every step towards the Palestinians with a step towards his own people. One day pull back 9 percent from the territories; and another day build Har Homa.

Netanyahu proudly acknowledges in discussioo with Americans and Palestinians that

"The problem is, you don't trust

me," said Netanyahu.

> Arafat replied: "Yes, that is

right."

he is the only Israeli leader who can bring 90 percect of Israelis to support the peace process. Yet, the price Netanyaho pays for this consensus is a lack of trust by the other side. Arafat assumes that Netanyahu will take unilateral action at his expense, wherever possible, in order to satisfy a domestic audience.

In other words, without must, it seems that it is impossible to ever bridge the differences between cannot accept your repeated these two parallel negotiations excuse of having to act the way

since the peace partner will always suspect the worst. This sense of half-heartedness has also extracted an internation-

al price. As Labor MK Shimon Peres said this week: "The price of coosensus is Israel's isolation in the region and in the world." Netanyahu is certainly not the

only person negotiating while always looking over his shoulder. This week, Arafat released leading Hamas militant Ibrahim Maqadmeh just after he convened unity conference involving Hamas's participation. So on one hand, Arafat can also feel satisfied that he is enlarging the peace tent by having Hamas take part in consultations, but in a similar vein to Netanyahu, the cost for this consensus could come at the other side's expense.

The irony is that while each leader wants the other to recogoize his own domestic constraints, he quickly minimizes the domestic constraints of the other. For example, while Netanyahu asks Arafat to recognize Israeli domestic constraiots, the prime minister said he does not believe that the Palestinians will have "any spontaneous reaction" to Har Homa. In a press conference in Moscow, Netanyahu made clear that he did not see the Palestinian public as a factor in the equation since the only relevant question was whether Arafat

wants violence or not. Moreover, King Hussein, who is very worried that violeoce in Jerusalem and the West Bank will spill over and affect his own pub-lic, minimized Netanyahu's domestic problems. He wrote to Netanyahu this week, "I frankly

you do under great duress and pressure. WHILE Netanyahu uses domestic constraints in his conversations with Arab leaders, the question remains how long will Netanyahu

maneuver between the require-

over 70 percent, and support for meetings with Arafat is at over 80 percent. In a broad sense, Netanyahu's embrace of Oslo, however reluctant, coupled with Likud MK Michael Eitan's joint final-status principles with Labor MK Yossi Beilin, has meant that the fault of Israeli politics no longer runs between Labor and Likud, but through the Likud

It was only a few months ago that people were wondering whether Netanyahu was an ideologue who wanted no negotiations with Arafat at all. Now it is widely acknowledged that Netanyahu heads the pragmatic wing of the Likud and the questioo is not whether be supports the peace process but whether be needs to take some supplementary unilateral actions that will make the peace process more palatable to his supporters.

Yet, as Netanyahu goes down the road to Oslo, he cannot expect to base his coalition upon the parliameotary support from those

ideologues whose entire selfimage is based upon their opposition to Oslo such as MKs Ze'ev (Benny) Begin and Uzi Landau. Furthermore, Netanyahu will oot be able to satisfy them because a future partition of the West Bank becomes clearer with every successive pullback, and Netanyahu's room to maneuver by taking counterbalancing steps proves to be harder.

Before Oslo, during the intifada, Israel could act unilaterally since it felt it had little to lose. It could bomb PLO headquarters in Tunisia, deport 400 Hamas leaders and toss them onto a hilltop in Lebanon. In 1997, its room to maneover has shrunk dramatically. But at the same time, its citizens are not being blown up on bases or chasing youths in Nabhus's casbah.

Peres said Labor was success ful in building Jerusalem without causing the Security Council and General Assembly to denouoce Israel. But this too occurred in a pre-Oslo mode, and constructing Har Homa as one of the last elements of the "ring" around Jerusalem is happening in a totally different political environment from the buildiog of Ramot or Gilo. .'

Netanyahu is correct that there is oothing in the Oslo agreements which forbids Israel to build in Jerusalem, but people in the international community ask how such construction reconciles Itself with the spirit of Oslo, namely Israel's commitment to oegotiate the future status of the city in talks that are supposed to conclude in

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Not getting the message across

will be the case, it's very difficulty

of course, to fight against it. To say that I am satisfied as long as this exists - no, I won't be satis-fied and I will do whatever I can to

Har Homa is "actually the best example of uofairness;"

Ben-Elissar says. "It's hard to

fight unfairness, it's hard fo

fight dishooesty. "Everybody knows that this is

Israel's ambassador to the US is the

ceeded.

The New York Times - continue to Jerusalem to be divided - period: However, even critics state that exhibit a "basic bias" against "It's obvious. Look, CNN call-any of Ben-Elissar's shortcomings Israel that dooms the effort. ing Arafat president in the news "It's a biased press. They are while the official language of the one-track-minded. Not all of the US [administration] is chairman. American press, but some very important media organs, channels, not president, this is already, of course, preempting. We are always being blamed, always being accused. So as long as this

change it."

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and other Arab leaders be able to

ments of the peace process and satisfying their constituents. On one hand, there is oo doubt that Netanyahu has broadened domestic support for the peace process. Support for the peace process among Israelis, bovering at about 50 percent during the Labor period, has increased to

first to admit that the embassy's public relations campaign could stand some improving. Hillel Kuttler reports from Washington on what's gone wrong.

front, Ambassador Eliyahu Beo-Elissar's tenure in Washington might seem a night-mare gone bad. He's been challenged almost since his arrival, six months ago. From the Western Wall Tunnel episode last September to the current Har Homa/further redeployment/PA offices/Gaza conference quadruple-whammy, Ben-Elissar has

faced a stream of difficulties. Some American-based Israeli diplomats complain that Ben-Elissar is not plugged in to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and that they are consequently at a and mar mey are consequently at a disadvantage in the US, leaving a gaping bole in getting Israel's message out. They cite last week's triumphant visit to Washington by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, who popped up on American interview programs while Ben-Elissar was back in Israel and unavailable for rebuttal.

suspicioos and mistrust of boldover embassy officials that has fed perceptions of him navi-

o Israel's public-relations Israel Public Affairs Committee asserts that Netanyahu's decision last week to close down the four PA offices again highlights the shortcomings of Jerusalem's failme to dispense adequate informa-tion to Washington. "The story of the four PA offices: Who knew what? Where?

When?" he asks. When the response comes that it remains unknown which offices were ordered closed, the official

exclaims: "Right! That's a classic example of what I'm talking about!' Beo-Elissar volunteers that

"there is no doubt whatsoever" that the embassy's public relations

Israel's ambassador to the US, Eliyahu Ben-Elissar **(Israel Sun**)

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campaign could stand some those of other embassy officials improving, that his efforts and and consuls general have not sucmust be seen against the backdrop of the lingering Netanyaho-David Levy feud, which has limited access to the party line and corroded Israel's ability to stand up for itself in the US. From that perspective, Ben-Elissar is fighting a battle with one hand tied behind his back.

But, Ben-Elissar maintains, he is "absolutely in the picture" and speaks every day with the Foreign Ministry and when necessary with Netanyahu's office, incloding many Fridays with the prime minister directly. "I won't be kept [out of] the picture. Nothing should be construed as circumventing me. It's not being done. I'm not wor-ried about it," he says. On the one hand, Ben-Elissar

insists that he is "absolutely" proactive in getting Israel's mes-sage out, while on the other maintaining that the most influential American communications outlets - CNN, The Washington Post and

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not a new settlement, in the sense of settlements in the West Bank or Gaza.... It's actually a new hous-ing neighborhood. Everybody papers, have one single goal on the Israeli-Palestinian track and knows it. that's to bring back Israel to the pre-1967 borders. If The Washington Post will repeatedly write 'the historically Arab east

Sn how does Israel make its case? Ben-Elissar scratches his head, lifts his left arm and shrugs.

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# A different view of Oslo

Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat tells Jon immanuel that Palestinians feel humiliated by Israel's unilateral decision-making

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D ehind the cries of "deceit" B and "lies," few know what the Oslo accords actually have to say about the issues which have aroused the current furor concerning redeployment. Yet Saeh Erekat, the Palestinian chief negouator on the issue, says it's there in black and white if only Israel would look. Further redeployment is to be from Area C only. Therefore, he asserts, the redeployment is a fraud. Quoting from Oslo 2. Art. XIII:8, he notes that Further redeployment [FRD] is from Areo C and transfer of internal security responsibility [TISR] to the Polestinian police in Areas B and C will be carried out in three phoses...

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This, Erekat says, is explicit. "Further redeployment is from Area C because further redeployment involves territorial transfer. There is no territorial transfer from B to A. That is how Mr. Netanyahu is trying to deceive

In his redeployment offer, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gave the Palestinians 7 percent from Area B and 2% from Area C. On the Israeli side, Attorney-General Elyakim Ruhinstein counseled the government that the Oslo accords required a withdrawal from Area C but he did not say that a change of status from Area B to Area A did not count. And the US State Department made no distinction at all when it suggested a 10% redeployment

Erekat admits that the demand for a 30% first phase redeployment was not realistic. "It's oot specified how much the percentage is, but at least it should not be 2%." The 30% figure represented one-third of 90% of the West Bank which Palestinians bope to control by the end of the third phase of FRD in Area B. "If redeployment from

August 1998. To back that hope, Erekat quotes from the Oslo agree-ment, Art. XVII: 2a. The territoriol jurisdiction of the (Palestinian Council) shall encompass ... Areo C. which except for the issues that will be negotiated in the permanent status negotiations, will be gradually transferred to Palestinian jurisdiction in three phases.

The statement, says Erekat, suggests that what should be left in Israeli hands after phase three is an issue," like military locations, Jerusalem and settlements, rather than a great expanse of territory. Furthermore, he says, the Oslo Declaration of Principles (DOP) does oot mention territory, hut only borders, as an "issue" for permanent status talks.

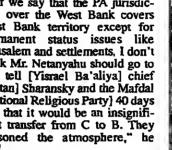
"If we say that the PA jurisdiction over the West Bank covers West Bank territory except for permanent status issues like Jerusalem and settlements, I don't think Mr. Netanyahu should go to and tell [Yisrael Ba'aliya] chief [Natan] Sharansky and the Mafdal [National Religious Party] 40 days ago that it would be an insignificant transfer from C to B. They poisoned the atmosphere," he

Theo there is Art. XVII:8. The first phase of the redeployment (prior to March 1996) will cover populated areas in the West Bank.... Since Area A and Area B are the populated areas of the West Bank, it again follows that "deployment to area B is in phase one, therefore further redeploy-meotimust refer to area C." Erekat

He cites more support in Art. XIII:2a. Before March 1996, There will be o complete redeployment of Israeli military forces from

TWO DAYS ON THE M GOLA Widely recognized as perhaps Israel's most important

security asset, the Golan is for the moment on the back



Saeb Erekat: "The redeployment is a fraud." Area B was completed more than a year ago how can we have a further redeployment from Area B today?" he asks. Still, if Israel has withdrawn even from only 2% of Area C and no percentage of land to be transferred is specified in the Oslo

agreement, then it has exercised a lawful first phase FRD. It might bave to withdraw from 88% in the next two phases in order to redeploy to "specified military loca-

tions," but Oslo surely permits Israel to decide unilaterally. No, says Erekat, "I would like to tell Mr. Levy that they are trying to make peace with all the coalitioo members and then come in a humiliating fashion to dictate to us. That's totally unfair."

The issue of a unilateral decision is an anomaly considering that almost everything else in the Oslo agreement emphasizes cooperation and coordinatioo. Erekat argues that Oslo simply does oot permit unilateral decisions. He

If the decision to build on Har Homa was a commitment to Israel's self-declared sovereignty in Jerusalem, and was expected to anger Palestinians, it follows that Netanyahu expected the FRD, his first territorial concession after Hebron, to be welcomed by the Palestinians. However, instead of balancing the expected anger over Har Homa it has made it worse, because of what appears to be a shortfall in territory. As former prime minister Shimon Peres said on Israel Radio on Wednesday, "It

"The minute the buildozers go up [Har Homa] God only knows the consequences."

However, Oslo itself does make the distinction. The frame of reference is 242 as interpreted by Israel. Erekat admits that Israel oever accepted that Jerusalem had the same status as the West Bank but, be says, Oslo includes the right of Palestinians in Jerusalem to vote in Palestinian council elections.

Perhaps in truth Har Homa is less an Oslo violation than an issue which personifies the limitations of Oslo to many Palestinian supporters of the peace process, and the argument over its interpretation might tear it apart. Har Homa is more visible from Bethlehem than Kiryat Arba is from Hebron. When huilding starts on Har Homa thousands of Palestinians currently basking in Area A, shielded from Israeli rule and even shielded from a view of Jerusalem, will witness daily a tree-draped hill changing into a building site, then into houses, then into a selfcontained Israeli township. It will become a visible symbol of Israeli



## Crisis cycle

Barry Rubin sees the latest tensions in Palestinian-Israeli relations as part of a predictable pattern.

be course of the Israel-Palestinian peace process would be comical if it were not so potentially tragic. In just 10 months we have already

gone through four cycles of alternating crisis and celebration: the after-math of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's election, the opening of the Western Wall Turnel exit and ensuing violence, the Hebron talks, and now the Har Horna/first redeployment crisis. Each of them has followed a remarkably similar pat-

Each time, foreign governments and media proclaim the death of negotiations and the imminence of catastrophe, with Israel being to blame. Every time, Netanyahu makes concessions, less than Palestinians wanted but more than was previously thought possible or the prime minister's right-wing supporters thought advisable.

Afterward, there is international rejoicing at how the peace process was saved at the last minute.

The funniest part is how politicians and journalists abroad have faced each phase in a state of total amnesia, forgetting what has gone before or what is to come after. They have had a most difficult time learning that both sides are simply playing a very tough game of bargaining, showing a (David Rubinger) willingness to go to the brink in order to obtain more or yield less.

It should be quite clear by now that Netanyahu and Arafat desperately want to avoid wrecking the process. They are moved not by fear of foreign pressure but from a need to justify their own leadership and prove they can deliver benefits to constituents.

Netanyahu must show he is bringing peace with security; Arafat must demonstrate that be is advancing toward a Palestinian state with its capital in east Jerusalem. A collapse of negotiations would

reveal their total failure. Given the political balance of forces, Netanyahu would be replaced by those arguing that both peace and security require more concessions to the Palestinians (i.e., the Labor Party); while Arafat might be shoved aside by those decrying his whole peace policy as a mistake (i.e., Hamas and other militants).

While unrestrained violence would be costly for both sides, Israel would is to get much more in the second and third round. While the Israeli disadvantage is that its tough bargaining is internationally considered as illegiti-mate, the Palestinians' problem is that they are by far the weaker partner and have little direct leverage over Israel.

Current Palestinian tactics are hased on two considerations: their own weakness and the Netanyahu government's stated aims.

First, the fact that Palestinian assets are quite limited makes Arafat's cries of complaint and plea for international intervention all the more passion-

But aside from violence, he has relatively little recourse aside from words

Another approach would be for the Palestinians to make concessions in order to get more from Israel, the kind of give-and-take bargaining usually associated with negotiations. But this points to the second, underlying, problem. A Labor party govemment in Israel might say that it would agree to a Palestinian state and some kind of arrangement regarding Jerusalem if the Palestinians would meet a whole series of Israeli demands over territorial compromise, Jerusalem, security amangements and so on. But Arafat knows that Netanyahu opposes a Palestinian state, any concessions over Jerusalem or giving up any significant territory currectly held by

Jewish settlements. To make matters worse from the Palestinian viewpoint, they see that the prime minister faces intensive pressure from within his coalition to give up even less than he is willing to dol Each issue, then, is fought in the context of the long-term – actually only two years – perspective of the final settlement. Thus, Har Homa does not signify merely building a few thousand apartments to meet housing needs - quite legal under the Oslo agreements - but is designed to close a ring of Jewish communities around eastern Jerusalem so Israel need never yield any control over the Palestinian neighborhoods there, Israel's deciding to give up only 9 percent of the West Bank in the first round of withdrawals - a unilateral choice legal under the Oslo accords and recently reconfirmed as such by the US - means that the Netanyahu government intends to retain control over most of that territory and to

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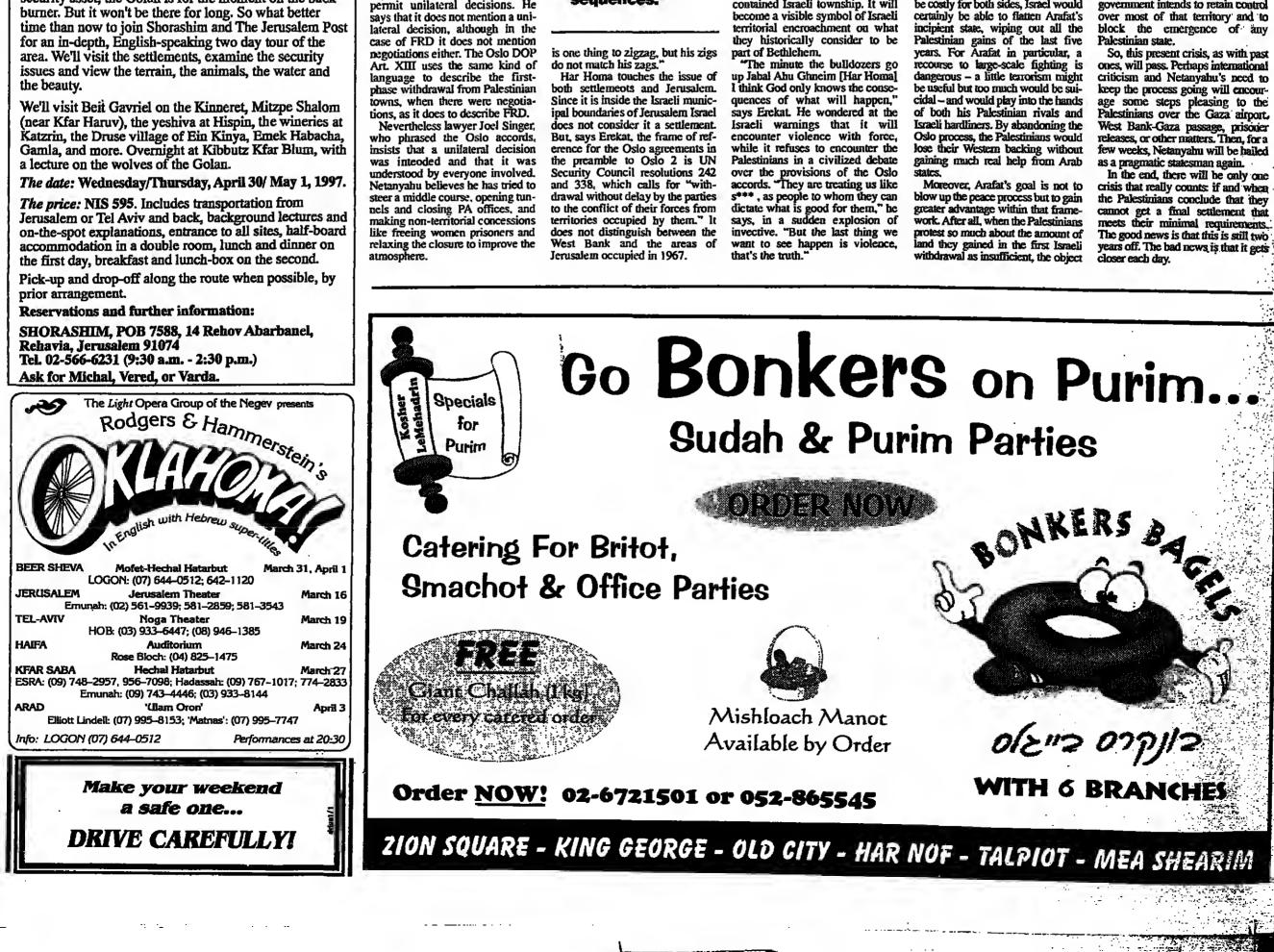
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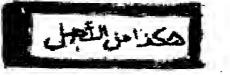


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## A state attorney born for the job

The verdict on the Bar-On affair is in Edna Arbel's hands, Batsheva Tsur writes

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We are a different breed of Arbel's bureau in the Justice people: we don't look for public-Ministry. It seems to be an ironic ity. We do our work, legal reminder of more leisurely days affairs, and talk when we have to, like in court," says one of for the state attorney who has spent the major part of the past seven weeks in that bureau since Arbel'a team who asked not to be named. "That is why there are no taking the decision to order an leaks from the State Attorney's investigation into the report of a Office. We don't feel under presdeal in the appointment of Roni sure. We have a great deal of work and sometimes we feel If she has a chance to catch a tired because we sit here till all glimpse of herself in the mirror, honrs of the night. We hreak the it is before 6:30 in the morning tension by joking. Edna enjoys a good langh." Kir'on home for the office in

ARBEL, her friends say, is a ery sociable person. She has a closely knit eircle of friends. most of them from the legal field, who like to take trips together both in and outside the country. Three years ago, it was Indonesia. After "the affair," her friends hope Arbel will have time for another trip.

"She is the type of person who lives life to the full," says Tel Aviv District Court Judge Michal Ruhinstein, who shared a chamber and a beach with Arbel for eight years before Arbel's appointment as state attorney, and has remained one of her closest friends since. When she is out of the public eye, Arbel likes to sing and dance, Ruhinstein says, she enjoys relaxing at the movies and she loves elassical music. But her main loves, Rubinstein believes, are her work and family, "and I'm not sure in which order." The events of the past few weeks have drawn her away from her normally husy social life. "We used to speak several times a day, sometimes also discussing professional matters.

Now we usually manage to get one phone call in - when she is some art, a TV set, a computer. It driving early in the morning to, is also only one floor above the Jerusalem - and we discuss only hureau of Justice Minister Tzahi personal matters," Ruhinstein says, describing the change of Hanegbi, one of the key figures in the reflections of Arbel and the past seven weeks. her team of five close aides, who

"But," she says, "I know that even now, if I need her, Edna will come over as soon as she is free - even if it has to be at midnight. She is a wonderful friend. "It is not easy for her and I'm

On the fourth floor of the huilding sits Attorney-General sure she would like a little more instein, to whom rest. She often gets home in the

Arbel, says a colleague, is driven by her sense of mission. Haifa and started studying law longer find time to meet. "I don't even want to disturb her on the while serving in the army, carning her entrance to the bar in telephone now," she says, "because I know her time is pre-1969. Shortly after her release elous and she wants to spend it from the IDF, she married a career officer, Uri Arbel, today a

with her family, especially her grandchildren." And she reiterates Ruhinstein's remarks about Arhel as state attorney. "It would have been easier for her to remain a judge. She agreed to take the position because she saw It as a mission." Both speak of how well-liked

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Her husband, they say, "is very supportive of her. A glance at Arbel's curriculum

(Devid Rubinger)

daughters, one of whom is following in her footsteps, and four grandchildren. Friends describe her as "a warm family woman."

vitae "explains where she comes from professionally," as Michal Ruhinstein puts it. aide.

In 1972, she began working in the Tel Aviv District Attorney's Office and during this time completed an MA in law. In 1984. she was appointed district attor-

It is difficult to find anyone who has anything negative to say about Arbel. The worst they ean say is that she "takes the government point of view into consideration too much." It was while she worked as a district attorney that she carned this epithet. During this period, Arbel gath-

ered and collated evidence for the state commission of inquiry into the 1982 Sabra and Shatilla massacre and assisted in the investigation. Then she served as chairwoman of the committee dealing with undercover agents with regard to drug offenses. Later, she was part of the team that wrote up the findings with regard to the GSS in the Bns 300 affair. She was also appointed to the bench of the disciplinary court of the GSS and the Mossad

In 1988, she began serving as a district court judge in Tel Aviv and it was from there that she was picked for the state attorney's office. "We discussed this at the time. She was reluctant to accept. But she was motivated hy her sense of mission," Ben-

Itto said this week. Arbel, some believe, got more than she had bargained for. All the regular functions of the state attorney are being taken care of. one of Arbel's aides says.

"Her table is relatively clean." As for "the affair," there is not a day when she does not spend a large amount of her time working on it. The aides do the groundwork, he says, but they report to her all the time. There are constantly team meetings that run late into the night. "Sbe is very democratie. She listens to all our opinions and differences of opinion," the aide says. "There is always a pleasant

atmosphere The only complaint of her workers is that they are constantly hungry at night when the ministry restaurant has closed.

"Edna is not a 'Yiddische" mamma' at the office," says one

THE TEAM members were still in the stages of collating the material this week and no decisions have been made. Which way is Arbel likely to swing when it comes to the crunch?

Colleagues who fear that she will not mete out harsh sentences for government offenders say that she bas a record of being "soft," and showed this with the GSS. Other colleagues say that she fears no one, pointing to the indictments recently served against Agrienture Minister Rafael Eitan, Jerusalem Mayor,

**Colleagues say** she fears no one, pointing to the indictments served against Ratael Eltan, **Ehud Olmert and** Ya'acov Ne'eman.

Ehud Olmert and former justice. minister Ya'acov Ne'eman. "She knows how to make decisions," one of her staff said. "She cuts things quickly."

Those who have watched her elosely in her capacity as a prosecutor and later on the bench, are absolutely convinced of her evenhandedness and integrity.

Where she needs to be firm; she will be firm. She knowa how to stand up for what she believes " in. She does this through persuasion and not hy fighting. She is not at all aggressive in her manner," says Michal Rnhinstein.

"She will not be pressured. She will consider everything and her decision will be made in the most professional manner and will be to the point. I have the utmost confidence in her," says Ben-Itto. "I sleep well at night knowing that Edna is at the helm.'



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middle of the night. But I'm sure Arbel will bring her recommenshe doesn't regret taking on the joh," says Ruhinstein. "She sees dations and with whom she will discuss the measures to be taken. it as a mission." Since the affair broke, Arbel has politely hut firmly declined to give interviews to the media. In fact, she has, due to the nature of the investigation, kept all her thoughts to herself. The public

As if they have coordinated evidence, former judge Hadassah Ben-Itto also describes Arbel as an especially dependable friend. "She is always available when someone needs her and she never has caught mere snippets of her keeps accounts," Ben-Itto says. on TV and stills - a tall, fair "She is the kind of person one woman, usually hurrying out of

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the huilding with a pile of files can always count on." Ben-Itto says that they no declining to reveal details of the

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grimage to her [after she left the Tel Aviv prosecutor's office and went to the court]," says Rubinstein. "She is charismatic and warm. She knows how to listen. And she has tremendous professional integrity."

Arbel is hy all and sundry. "The

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JERUSALEM-BORN Edna Engelander, 53, was virtually born into the job. Her mother later worked in the State Attorney's Office and her father was a lawyer. She grew up in

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Living in isolation

## Karmei Tzur

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pastoral landscape surrounds the homes of Karmei Tzur. On a weekday, the only sounds are the shouts of the settlement's children at play. But the calm is deceptive. This hilltop community, between Beit Umar and Halboul, fears that the upcnming redeployment putting the Palestinian Authority on its doorstep will eventually lead to its total isolation.

What happens to Karmei Tzur and the Samaria community of Yitzhar, similarly affected by the pullback - may provide a hint of what other settlements outside the main blocs can expect as the inter-im agreement with the Palestinians is implemented. The problem for the 70 families of Karmei Tzur is that no plan has been firmulated for the future of

their community. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai relieved the most immediate worry this week. He gave a verbal guarantee that the access road leading to the settlement from Highway 60, the Halhoul hypass, would remain under Israeli control. But he left unanswered their demand for alternative access: a seven-kilometer arc nf highway from the Etzion Bloc that would skirt Palestinian localities and join Route 60.

Some of the residents questioned the government's intention regarding the remaining two phases in the interim agreement; others

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their current status as temporary. "No one knows the complete picture regarding the interim agree-'ment," says Esti Uliel, one of the settlement's activists. "When talks began about the Phase

- 1 pullback, there

were rumors that the areas sur- from Beersheba. It is in an area - rounding Karmei Tzur and our entrance road would be transferred to the complete control of the Palestinian Authority."

Two weeks ago, the residents formed an action committee which intensively lobbied the Knesset and cabinet members.

would not be over until the sevenkilometer road is built.

"It was authorized by the previous government." Uliel says, adding that the stretch whuld bypass the neighboring village of Beit Umar and the El-Arub refugee camp, linking up to Highway 60.

Another isolated community for which Route 60 is an increasingly important lifeline is Yitzhar, just outside Nablus. The 60 families there, like Karmei Tzur's, will be surrounded hy villages becoming Area B - civil administration by the Palestinians, security control by Israel - in the upcoming redeoyment.

Yitzhar, a 10-minute drive from Joseph's Tnmb, has been assured that the long access road linking it to Route 60 will remain Area C, administered solely hy Israel.

"We are not so concerned about our situation but mnre worried about the future of nther settlements in Judea and Samaria," settlement secretary Rafael Miron says.

Yebudit Tayar, spokeswoman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, agrees: "What we are concerned about is the shrinking of the white [Israeli administered] areas and the yellow and brown [PA] areas that are growing larger.'

The council now intends to have more input into decisions regarding future pullbacks to prevent settlements from being cut off, Tayar says.

BUT FREE access is not "People don't the settlers' primary concern; talk of peace security is. Their reasons anymore. were highlighthy this ed Instead, they week's attack on the IDF talk of peace of guard at the entrance of mind." Tench Omarim, settlement

just across the Green Line without Arab villages, but the attackers apparently fled to

Dhahiriya, due to come under complete PA control in the redeploytoent. Had the incident occurred afterwards, the IDF would not have been able to pursue the attackers, even in coordiKarmei Tzur, a religious settlement in Judea, and Na'ama, a secular community in the Jordan Valley, have little in common. But with the upcoming redeployment, Karmei Tzur may well become like Na'ama: an isolated enclave surrounded by Palestinian-ruled territory.



he agreed that their security concerns demanded a response, according to Tayar.

Settlers say they are constantly given reason to worry. "Stones are own at our cars daily," Uliel says of the drive along Karmei Tzur's access road.

Resident Shmuel Gillis, spending the day on guard duty, agrees. The school buses are stoned almost daily," be says. "Just recently, the front window of one of the buses was shattered by a stone. My daughter, who was sitting in the front seat, was covered with glass, but luckily she wasn't injured." Gillis added that an IDF jeep accompanies all buses to and from the settlement.

That is little consolation to Nurit Rashi, a mother of four, wbo says, 'Until the children return home from school, I am never completely at ease.

Once the road is completed, it will make such a difference. Uliel says. "Do you know how easy it will be to get to Beersheba





By HERB KEINON

Friday, March 14, 1997

iora Hasson sits in her living room in the Jordan Valley settlement of Na'ama, tears welling up in her eyes. She is torn. Torn between what she wants, and what she has. Between the way she would like things to be, and the way they are turning out. The Oslo Accords have placed Hasson in internal turmoil, constantly pulling her in opposite directions. The turmoil is evident when talking to her about the political situation. It's evident in her body language, in her tears, in the contradictions in her words. Hasson would love to stay in Na'ama forever, but has no illusions. She wants to give the peace process a chance, hut is angry at the way it is being carried out. She wants to build for her future, but since Na'ama was left surrounded by the Palestinian autonomous area, she doesn't know where that

future will be. One of Hasson's neighbors, Anna Maller, is supervising work in a warehouse in Na'ama's agricultural area, as a number of Thai workers sift

through and package bunches of fresh basil for export. The mixed smell of a variety of herbs provide the concrete structure with a background odor befitting a pizza now." partor. Maller isn't beset by the

turmoil that afflicts Hasson. The peace process is good, she says. That the government doesn't give more real assistance to the farmers in the valley is bad. It is also an indication that there is little intention of keeping the region as a civilian area.

Yet Maller is happy, upbeat. The family's business exporting herbs is - finally - turning a profit. She'll do it as long as she can. And when the time comes, she'll leave. She, too, doesn't believe Na'ama - or for that matter the entire Jordan Valley has much of a future. "Nobody has done anything to ensure that there is a future here," Maller says. "If they had wanted a future, somebody would have made sure that Na'ama has 2,500 families, not 27. We are 27 families, between 15,000 people in Jericbo, and 5,000 in Ouja. There is no 'popu-

area, the same cannot be said of Halhoul. The bottom line, Hasson says, is that her settlement, indeed all settlements that are enclaves inside Palestinian autonotoous zones, are doomed. Her advice for the Karmei Tzur families: "Take a deep breath, be more aware of what is happening around you, and give it a chance. Be able to say that you tried. Don't become hysterical already. If I would have taken this advice, I would have saved myself some sleepless nights.'

The Jerusalem Post

WHEN AUTONOMY came to the Jordan Valley in May 1994, Na'ama had 27 families. Four years latter it has the same 27 families. The reason no one left is because to do so would entail taking a huge financial loss. Property there, according to Hasson, head of the settlement's absorptioncommittee, is worth nothing. And the reason nobody has joined is simple: who wants to live in an enclave? The exception, she says, are the national religious, some of whom are fired by ideology. They are now willing to go and live in

places like Kfar Darom and Netzarim. "If there is a which are also **Palestinian state** enclaves. But Na'ama is here, we will not a religious settlement. leave. We just As word want to know

> Gaza/Jericho First plan included Ouja, just north of Jericho, and a corridor linking the two, towns, tot a few people in Na'ama - and the Jordan Valley - panicked. This arrangetoent would mean that they would be surrounded by the Palestinian Authority on three sides, and hedged in by the Jordan River on the other. Back then, the peace process was the Great Unknown. Nobody knew exactly what would happen.

Not that today matters are so crystal clear, but there have developed certain rules to the game. Granted, the rules are often broken, but a certain pattern of behavior has developed. But in 1994, the thought that this tiny settlement would be surrounded by the Palestinian Authority led to many sleepless nights - and to not a few protests. "It is never good to live inside an enclave," says Hasson, 40, beginning a dialogue replete with the contradictions that reflects both the complexity of the situation, and her own turtooil. "In the meantime it is OK, there have been no physical casualties. There is always the concern that some nut will shoot at us from ment. I can't say that this never passes through my mind. That fear definitely exists. But life continues. The truth is, I expected things to be much worse." ings on the bypass roads, or from cars passing in front of the settlement. These incidents did occur in September, but not in Jericho, rather in Gaza. The September riots kept Na'ama's residents locked in for five days, and the scenario remains unsenling, unnerving. It is a cause of concern now, especially because of threats of violence over Har Homa But on a day to day basis, Hasson says, life continues. Another piece of advice Hasson

began to filter out of talks betweeu' Palestinian and Israelis in 1994 that the

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Uliel emphasizes the importance of linking up settlements to main arteries. "People who view settlements as enclosed communities, surrounded by barbed wire and tanks, are making a mistake," sbe says. "Settlements toust expand and grow like any other amunity.

RAHEL1 OFER, a mother of eight and one of the settlement's founding members, is concerned

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Esti Uliel of Karmei Tzur (top): "No one knows the complete picture regarding the interim agreement...It's like being completely enveloped hy fog." Liora Hasson of Na'ama: "The reason nobody has joined us is simple - who wants to live in an (Photos: Brian Hendler, Sarit Uziely)

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lation card' to play here. What are we talking about. Jews love to talk, but when it comes to actions ...

NA'AMA WAS the first Israeli settlement "to go," so to speak. Not bulldozed down, Yamit style, or handed over to the Palestinians, like the Civil Administration complex in Hebron. First to go in the sense that it was the first settlement surrounded by Area A, hy the brown areas on the Oslo Accord maps that symbolize Autonomous Palestine. When Israel carries through with the next stage of withdrawal, Karmei Tzur, sandwiched hetween Beit Umar and Halhoul, may be in a situation similar to Na'ama. Similar, but not the same.

Whereas Jericho has throughout the years been known as a "quiet"

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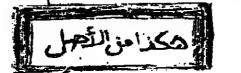
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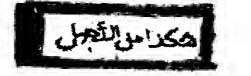
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The beauty of it is that lifting

Rahhi Ovadia Yosef above the

law is halachically absurd, if not

Yes, he is a great man, a

tremendous scholar who stood

up to the Ashkenazi arrogance of

his old nemesis, Rahbi Shlomo

Goren, and rejected his and oth-

ers' attempts to impose their Greater-Israel fanaticism on

Jewish law. Yet Jewish law - in

Tractate Sanhedrin - has also

ruled that only a king can neither judge nor be judged, while even the High Priest, which Rabbi Ovadia isn't and never will be; "can judge and be judged, can act as a witness, and others can

A LITTLE more than two millen-

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Shimon Ben-Shetah - a vision-

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## On Jewish Catholicism

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ilar pockets of misery across the country, that Israel's most effec-

tive political power broker has

earned his mass following. It is

in places like this that the young

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has set up its low-tuition kinder-

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offering the kind of warmth the

locals had so sorely lacked under

succession of socially aloof

governments. And it's places

like this to which Deri alludes

Surely, when juxtaposed with

However, in its increasingly

With Deri up to his eyebrows

sympathy which for the past 13

BY AMOTZ ASA-EL

wasn't long ago that

Jerusalem's Hanavi neighborhood epitomized what then was called Second Israel, namely those who remained disenfranchised while their Ashkenazi, secular, bettereducated brethren basked in power, contacts and mammon. As teenagers, we preferred to pass through its perennially angry shikunim in groups, feeling uneasy among the gangs, hookers and garbage piles which were part and parcel of that unsung landscape of urban decay.

Not that yoo were prove to get shot in the middle of the street though that too had been known to happen there - hut coming from well-to-do Rebavia we just felt like on another planet; Shmuel Hanavi was Israel's verstoo of Algiers's, Teheran's and Cairo's destitute casbahs, where hopeless, johless and incitable youths formed the hackbone of socio-religious movements

which assaulted regimes whose secular nationalism had led most citizens nowhere. This week, strolling down Shmuel Hanavi's Rehov Derech Eretz, 1 noticed the neighborhood had come a long way since . my high-school days. Physically, some of its endless-

ly elongated shoe-box buildings

carousels, seesaws, swings and slides. Not that this face-lift has made the place more aesthetic the gardenless buildings are still stained with rust, drowning in weeds, and wrapped in hanging laundry - but it is a bit more amicable. Yet Shmuel Hanavi's real transformation is not ln its

have been coated with limestone

walls and the areas between

them are sprinkled with

physique, hnt in its spirit. when telling us that his prospec-Just throw a glance at the kids tive conviction would boost returning from school shronded Shas's electoral prospects. in white shirts and wearing black kippot; listen to the Sephardiits traditional delinquent image, accented Torah lecture hursting Shmuel Hanavi's transformatioo loudly from a tape recorder in a second-floor kitchen steaming is a happy sight indeed. Even the second-floor kitchen steaming with ecokery for a multi-kindered family; fathom the bill-board ad outside the local gro-cery store, where the public is invited to hear Rahhi-Benzion most fanatic. secularist would agree that religious encroachment is preferable to street crime. Surely, Middle Israel, which might otherwise resent religious politics, should welcome the social repatriation of Lower Israel through Shas's

Motzafi eulogize Rabhi Shmuel Cohen; take a random look at the Biton, Masoud, Bosherian, efforts, Dahan, and Cahzan mailhoxes adorning block 112, entrance 6, tragic and hrazen attitude toward and you'll make no mistake the law, the party's elected leadabout in You've arrived in Shas ership seems intent on restoring land\_ in too many Israeli minds the old Shmuel Hanavi image.

Fortunately, the neighborhood which was originally huilt on the in legal quagmire, with Rabbi Ovadia Yosef insisting that Deri continue to meddle in high polifringes of the no-man's land which lay between Israel and Jordan, and then festered as the no-man's land which loomed tics while frequenting the courts, ominously hetween Israel's and with Shas leaders claiming haves and have-nots, has finally that their spiritual mentor cannot even be asked to give police a found a landlord to call its own. Unfortunately, his name is technical testimony, Shas is risk-Arych Deri. ing losing the kind of secular

It is here, and in dozens of sim-

A VIEW FROM NOV



#### By MOSHE KOHN

s our society degenerating into senility precisely as we approach what the talmudic Sage Rabbi Yebuda ben Teima defines as the age of etcal counsel, 50? (See Pirkei Avot 5:25.)

Have we lost our seases - our common sense, our sense of values, our sense of decency? Have we lost the understanding which, according to Rabbi Yehuda, we ought to have acquired when we turned 40? And will we, well before that jubilee in 5758/1998, have forfeited the ability to give ourselves or others the counsel that derives from understanding and drift into the 60th birthday's zikna/old age? Too many signs indicate, indeed, that we are all too soon sinking rather. causing ourselves to sink into what used to be called the dementia of old age, into national Alzheimer's. There are several symptoms of this, one of which is the series of four posters recently plastered on the windows of bus shelters in Jerusalem promoting our national lottery, Mifal Hapayis (hereafter MH). . That series was one of the most outrageous demonstrations of advertising pomography I have ever seen, surpassing in their corruption those posters containing overexposed

SHABBAT SHALOM

## Voice of the totolotto

thighs and cleavages that used to attract arsonists. I mean spiritual pomography and comption. Normally I don't read the bus-

shelter posters, so it wasn't until a day or two before they were replaced at the end of February that I finally stopped to read those MH promos. At this writing, some of them were still running in the newspapers. "Trin binnmed [dejected]," says the tearful Israeli young woman in

be jealous of them). Oh, for the Mifal Hapayis grand prizel" one poster. "My boyfriend has Then we have the musings of two dumped me, I've been fired from my new job, law school has turned me down, and that trip abroad seems farther than ever. What's left to live for? Oh, for the Mifal Hapayis grand orizel MH, a public institution headed by poblical appointees, justifiably boasts of its distribution of large sums of money for the construction and improvement of health, educational, cultural and other communal institutions. At the same time, it also spends large sums on salaries, perquisites, severance pay and pensions for its staff, including its chairman. That post, a political plum, is now occupied hy kibbutznik and former agriculture minister Avraham Katz-Oz. who was appointed by Labor just before its defeat last spring. MH also wastes large sunis on puerile advertising: What would you call, for example, Sefi Rivlin's promotion of the lottery by his moranic

A second poster in that series and adults in general are teaching our youth in our preachments and especially in our conduct that is supposed to set them an example? It suggests an egoistic Israeli youth detached from the past and the future, detached even from the

> PERHAPS THE following episode tells something about the vision that guides MH.

angered the chairman of the Sports Betting Council, Arych Zeif: "If the Lotto holds a drawing on Friday and affects Thursday, the accepted SporToto [soccer pool] day, we'll institute an additional game on Tuesday, which will hit the Lotto. If it's war, then war it will be."

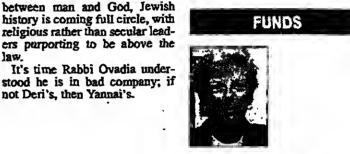
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By BEVERLEE BLACK

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Fortunately, most of our readers

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# It's too easy to ignore

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ty and all its hideous pains. It is easy to overlook and yet the fact \$100 In gratitude to Luba Uviller is, according to the government and voluntary bodies, more and more Israelis, particularly those with large families, are being pushed further and further down. Children who go to bed hungry \$25 CA. Hilda Morgenstern, Teaneck, usually lack the supplementary facilities needed for a good edu-NJ \$20 S. Leibovici, London. cation. They need books and \$15 Janet Fishkin, Philadelphia, magazines, extra lessons that will C\$20 Anon., Ontario, Canada. enable them to drag themselves out of the vicious cycle of pover-

poverty The problems of poverty are easily and often overlooked. It is easy to avert eyes when passing beggars on the

eo sons of Israel - The Nadav/Cantor Families, Ramat Gan,

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shows a smiling young Israeli woman, decked out in Indian fashion, in the lonis position, musing: There's nothing like India - the flavors, the aromas, the people, the beaches. But like it or not, now I'm here, waitressing evenings, and in the morning dreaming of a bouse of human world about, high only on my own with two horses on the grounds (plus a husband who won't dreams of "doing my thing."

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Incidentally, Israelis gamble an estimated NIS 5,500,000,000 annually. NIS 2.5 billion in the various MH and Toto games and NIS 3b. in casinos here and abroad.

religious rather than secular leaders purporting to be above the It's time Rabbi Ovadia understood he is in bad company; if not Deri's, then Yannai's.

streets.

antics on television? Then came this post-Zionist, post-Jewish advertising campaign.

One tells us: "After three years [of military service] on the northern border, give us a chance to have the time of our lives. What do I have in mind? Bungee jumping in New Zealand, an elephant safari in India, and the future waiting for me around the corner. I'll do it yet. Oh, for the Mifal Hapayis grand prize!"

The other man mases: "Twe been through Amazon country, I've done the climb to Machu Picchu, I've been to the 'Land of Fire' [Tieura del Fuego]. Now I've got to think about the future. My dream is to set up a startup company and get on Wall Street pronto. Oh, for the Mifal Hapayis grand prize!" What does this advertising all us

about MH's perception of the level of aspirations of our youth? What does it tell us about that level

of aspirations? What does it tell us about what our

schools are teaching our youth? What does it tell us about what we

parents, teachers, youth-group lead-

A journalist interviewing Ekron Mayor Arych Haddad asked whether gambling in casinos was among his hobbies. Haddad told him no, he opposed all forms of gambling, including the MH games. Katz-Oz promptly sent him a scathing letter, saying, "... Now that I know your anitude, I'll see to it that

you are repaid in kind." In a radio interview that followed. Katz-Oz "explained" at sarcastic great length that since MH distributes money to municipal institutions, municipality heads are obligated to help promote sales. He implied that people like Haddad, who accept those funds while denouncing gambling, are hypoctites (Musaf Ha'arez, February

Another symptom of our dementia: Several weeks ago the Finance Ministry announced its intention to authorize a second, Friday MH Lotto drawing, in addition to the present Tuesday drawing. This

my bank account for MH, and I also occasionally buy a Lotto ticket. I wonder if this puts me in the class of professional or habitual gamblers whom the talmudic Sages disqualify from giving testimony (Mishna Sanhedrin 3:3).

ONE MORE symptoms of our degeneration: Recently, the Jewish National Fund's works committee arranged for 100 of that venerable institution's workers a day of fun and relaxation at a hotel in Bat Yam. The "fun" included a fashion show in which female models paraded undergarments, and then stripped into total nudity.

Some of the workers were offended and complained.

The JNF spokesman said the administration had had no hand in organizing that event. The works committee chairman said: "I don't know anything about any stripping. But even if they did, so what? (Yediot Aharonot, February 23).

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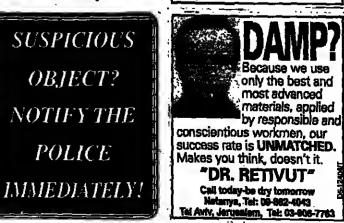
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destroy us from within: When the Torah records how Amalek attacked the tired and the weak straggling from Egypt, it doesn't refer only to those who were physically vulnerable; it also includes the spiritually weak,

Israel had become inadequate and indifferent. Amalek, who himself doesn't

(last week), speaking of the obligation of every lew to give a half-shekel to the Sanctuary. This represents an act of commitment, of pledge, of a covenantal relationship between God and Israel

4,000 years strong, demonstrated in our daily lives by the giving of our "half-shekels" to huild our Torah academies, synagogues and outreach centers. Interestingly enough, financial commitment in the form of a ring or financial gift is also the traditional halachic

those whose link to the chain of

fear God, gains strength when Israel also ceases to fear God! The Shabbat of Zachor always

precedes Purim because back in Shushan there were two threats: Haman-Amalek-antisemite from without, and a nation steeped in the amnesia of assimilation from within.

After we remember the dangers of religious laxity and intermarriage, the next special Sabbath suggests the possibility of purification. We read of the red heifer, para aduma, whose healing ashes-with-water have the ability to purify even from death itself. And finally the last special Sabbath in this sequence, Hahodesh, brings us toward a new beginning. Hodesh, the Hehrew word for month, is based upon the Hebrew hadash (new) and hidush (renewal). The moon is the symbol par excellence of our ability to emerge from total darkness to a state of fullness.

Thus the readings of Shekalim, Zachot, Para, and Hahodesh chart a journey that begins with commitment and love, stumbles through failure and sin, but ends with the possibility of purification and renewal; after all, there can be no greater example of freedom than the festival of Pessah, always two weeks after the Sabbath of Hahodesh, which expresses redemption from servitude and emergence from sin and alienation.

Shabbat Shalom

By SHLONO RISKIN "These are the accounts of the

Sanctuary, the Sanctuary of the Testimony, as they were counted according to the commandment of Moses, for the work of the Levites by the hand of Itamar the son of (Ex. Aaron the priest." 3:21

This week's portion of Pekudei, along with last week's Vayakhel, seems to be a repetition of Truma and Tetzaveh, read just three and four weeks ago respectively.

At the start of Truma, God says to Moses: "And let them make me a Sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them" (Ex. 25:8). For the rest of this portion, as well as the next one, the Torah describes the Sanctuary and its contents, leaving virtually noth-

ing to the imagination. Then comes the "interruption" of the portion of Ki Tisa, with its recording of the sin of the golden calf, only to be followed by Vayakhel and Pekudei which represent a return to the details of

it out of gold, of blne, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen you shall make it" (Ex. 28:15). And here is Pekudei: "And they made the

the Sanctuary.

breastplate of artistic work, of gold, hine, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen" (Ex. 39:8). If there is a difference, it's that

the first time around the Israelites are given the command, and the second time the Torah records that the command was indeed performed. But why does the Torah not choose not to deal with the whole event in a single all-inclusive verse: "And the Israelites built the Sanctuary exactly as God had commanded"? After all, every word of the

Torah must be accounted for! In order to understand the significance of the repetition, it is important to remember that the Almighty desires an intimate relationship between Himself and the people of Israel. We are commanded to build a Sanctuary in order that God and Israel might establish a common home. But whoring after strange gods is a betrayal of the ideals given at Sinai. If the revelation is a marriage between God and Israel,

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Beginning with commitment and the two stone tablets the marriage contract, then in effect the Here is an example from Israelites commit adultery with Tetzaveh: "And you shall make a their worship of the golden calf. breastplate of judgment the work Were God only a God of jusof an artist, like the ephod. Make

tice. this would be the end of the Jewish people, the sin mandating eternal divorce. But since God is also a God of compassion, He forgives.

But can we legitimately expect forgiveness for as heinous a crime as idolary? Herein lies the true significance of the repetitions of each and every painstaking instruction regarding the Sanctuary. God plans His naptial "home" with Israel before they sin, and accepts their construction even after they have sinned. The repetition is a confirmation that the intimacy between God and Israel has been restored. So great is the Divine capacity to forgive (much greater than that of humans) that He is able to start again from the beginning despite

Israel's breach of trust. Let me add a further proof. It is interesting to note that during the weeks we read the concluding portions from Exodus, the calendar is generally host to another sequence of special biblical selections; a special Torah scroll is removed from the Ark for this additional reading, followed by a special Haftara that preempts the usual reading from the Prophets. The first of these is Shekalim

form of betrothal; one may not profess love without understanding that financial responsibility is built into the marital relationship. The second special Sabbath next week, right before Purim is Zachor. Remember to destroy the evil Amalek. Amalek is not only the power that would destroy us from without, it is also the winds of assimilation and self-destruction which would

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#### THE WEEK THAT WAS

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## **Business as usual in Tel Aviv**

#### By MICHAL YUDELMAN

F the Shabbat wars in Jerusalem ebb and flow through Bar-Ilan Street, in Tel Aviv the symbol under which the secular faithful march is ... the cheeseburger.

Secular Jerusalemites look to the tireless Meretz councilman, Oman Yekutieli. Tel Avivians have businessman Omri Padan, the director and franchise owner of McDonald's in Israel.

In Jerusalem the battle is over ideology, in Tel Aviv it's mostly business, with a hit of principle thrown in for seasoning.

The philosophical question debated by Tel Aviv's '90s intellectual is whether the city shall have cheeseburger on Shabbat or not.

Padan has been waging a steadfast war against the attempts of the Labor Ministry to close down McDonald's outlets across the country on Shabbat. Since restaurants are permitted to open on Shabbat, the ministry employs other means. It dispatches Druse inspectors to check the religious identity of the teenagers employed in McDonald's.

If they're Jewish, the ministry can threaten them with charges on the basis of a 1951 law that forbids Jewish boys and girls from working on Shabbat.

Padan thinks teenagers working weekends to earn pocket money or supplement the family income "is a good thing."

In Zichron Ya'acov antique dealers "sell" their businesses to an Arab every Friday and "buy" them back again Saturday night, thus operating

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Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo is ready to confront the haredim over the Ramat Aviv mall. (Scoop 80)

their shops legally during Shabbat. It has been suggested Padan's workers could "convert" to Islam every weekend

Padan's contract has a provision allowing him to operate on Shabbat the McDonald's branch in the Ramat Aviv mall now being built, if other shops are also open. Israel Theaters has a contract to run five cinemas

there, including weekends. When Padan and Israel Theaters signed their contracts with mall owners Africa-Israel, they did not imagine the company would soon be acquired by haredi tycoon Lev Leviev and that he would decide the mall should be closed on Shabbat. Padan says McDonald's business doubles on weekends. In fact, be

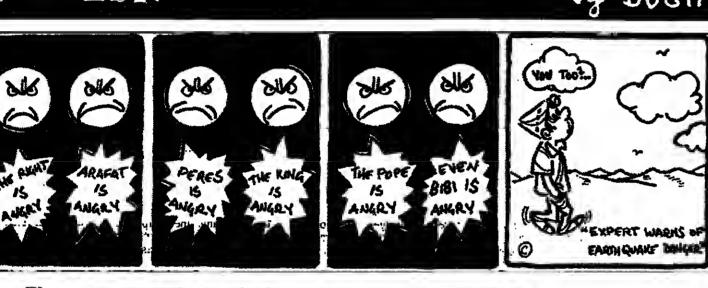
avers, "it's not worth operating any fast-food business at all unless you can open weekends.

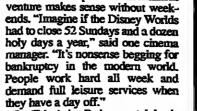
That's what the public wants. These places are part of the Israeli family's weekend entertainment just as it is for American and European families."

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In Tel Aviv Padan certainly is fighting no lone battle. Mayor Ronni Milo called for a shoppers' boycott of the mall unless it operates on Shabbat and provides family entertainment and fast food. His deputy, Dan Darin, said the city would reject Africa-Israel's requests for extended building permits if it intends to close the mall on weekends.

Public lobbying is being led by Free People (Am Hofshi), an association of professors, lawyers and prominent Ramat Aviv residents. Parliamentarians Avraham Ravitz and Moshe Gafni, of Degel Hatorah, lodged police complaints against Darin for "threats" and "abuse of power," saying that opening the mall on Shabbat would be a breach of the work and rest law.

Meanwhile, the McDonald's ad featuring sizzling yellow cheese melting over a giant burger is still being broadcast on Channel 2, despite demands from religious quarters that it be taken off.

#### KILL THE MESSENGER

After eight months of government snarling against the media, the Journalists' Association has at last been startled to note to see the writing on the wall - or rather, the screaming in the hall. The noise in question was the baying of the wolves crying "death to the media" at the Likud's central committee meeting last week.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu benignly overlooked the proceedings, in every sense of the word. "I didn't hear it," he declared afterwards of the "death" cries. Heads of the Journalists Association in Tel Aviv convened a press conference to sound the alarm, They warned of a real danger to journalists because of what they described as unprecedented, organized and systematic incitement,

The association said things have deteriorated drastically since the formation of the current government and now "the ground is burning under our feet."

For some the warning came too' late. Nahum Barnea of Yediot Aharonot and Keren Neubach of Channel 1 have been physically attacked by right-wing buillies while doing their job. Naomi Levitzky's walls, doors and windows were vandalized with black spray-paint. A



Hagit Konstantini, restaurant coordinator at the Tel Aviv Hilton, welcomes Greek singer Demis Russos to the hotel. (Shaul Rahamim)

## GRAPEVINE Greek dream come true

#### By GREER FAY CASHMAN

lthough she is the niece of popular singer Mickey Gavrielov there is a more internationally celebrated singer of Greek melodies whom Hagit Konstantini, restaurant coordinator at the Tel Aviv Hilton, has long admired and was dying to meet. This week she had her chance when Demis Russos arrived here to perform at the Miss Israel 1997 contest. Like most visiting entertainment stars. Russos was accommodated at the Hilton. Aware that Konstantini's family originates from Greece, the hotel management selected her to present Russos with a welcoming

winning the lottery. IN AN unusual social mix, haredim and secularists this week put aside their differences, and in a united effort opened their hearts and pockets for the sake of a cause that benefits all segments of society. The nation's captains of industry and commerce turned out in impressive numbers at the Tel Aviv Hilton to celebrate Ezer Mizion's 18th

bouquet. It was almost as good as

anniversary. Headquartered in Bnei Brak, this miracle-working, personto-person organization of 7,000 volunteers reaches out to the sick, the elderly

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Ra'anana Mayor Ze'ev Bielski,

who had to leave early, deposited

NIS 1,000 at the door, setting a

precedent for other guests who had to slip out before the festivities were

over. One of them, businessman

Sammy Maslawi pledged NIS

150,000 to cover the cost of an

When the evening started, Ezer Mizion had 16 ambulances at its dis-

posal. By midnight the fleet had

increased to 20. Among the other

ambulance donors were Africa

Israel's controlling force Lev Leviev and his wife Olga. Altogether, pro-ceeds from contributions and silver

Auctioneer Meni Pe'er was effec-

tively assisted by shipping and real-estate magnate Yuli Oler, who made

the opening bid for several of the sil-

ver items - and consistently bid

high. Pe'er made extensive use of

gematria to coax more money out of

the crowd, while Ashkenazi Chief

Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau used an

acronym to describe the true Jewish

attitude to charity.

sales came to NIS 1.55 million.

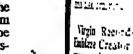
who gives in secret). WHILE MOST of the guests who accepted the Ezer Mizion invitation came with generous intentions, what

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really moved them to tears and greater largess was the courage of Bat Yam high schooler Tammy Majar, who though disabled by cancer is not afraid to use the big C word and is determined to triumph over her personal adversity. Mounting the stage with the aid of crutches, she stole the show from Pe'er who was so choked up by her well-articulated optimism, that he gladly stepped ont of the limelight.

THERE SEEMS to be some fertile magic about Channel 2. Mickey Haimovitz and Oshrat Kotler conceived their first offspring not long after joining the station, and now it's Einat Ehrlich's turn to wait for the stork. The timing was perfect since her Friday evening entertainment show is nearing the end of its season. AMONG THE respondents to The Jerusalem Post Circulation Department's "Be a Winner" contest was retired milliner Hannah Siedner, who wrote that she and her

husband Ernest have been subscribers to the paper since 1935. "I am 85 years old," she wrote, "and my hus-



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number of journalists were cursed by a haredi crowd at a large Shas rally and others have been threatened repeatedly.

#### FREE PRESS

Remember how the relentless underground writers and journalists of the old Soviet dissident and refusenik days were internationally admired? It was ironic then that it was from Moscow that Netanyahu's director-general, Avigdor Lieberman, chose to launch an open threat to Channel 1. "Those who made us get interrogated for two months and let our blood will not get away with it," he was quoted as saying (out of context, no doubt). Someone will have to answer for all that I and others have been through."

It was the government's own finance minister, Dan Meridor, who was the first to point out that the ranting atmosphere at the Likud central committee was reminiscent of the violent atmosphere of incitement. against the late Yitzhak Rabin.

Journalists Association chairman Arye Avneri elaborated on the thought: "We know the people we live among, we know some lunatic can translate 'death to the media' into practical terms."

Israel Broadcasting Authority director Mordechai Kirschenbaum told Ha'arer; this week: "What happened at the Likud meeting was no less than incitement to murder journalists. It's time we understood that. When the crowd says 'death to journalists' and Netanyahu cups his car so that they shout louder, it's extremely dangerous. Do we want to wait until a journalist is murdered?"

The association has begun collecting inciting public statements by politicians from the prime minister down. It is perhaps for a warning, or for evidence - hopefully not after the fact. Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein, who was swift to order an investigation into the routine leak from a cabinet meeting, has been strangely silent about the "death to journalists" matter.

The letters in Jahav (gold), be said, SELLING YOUR HOUSE? The Jerusalem Post's Quality Classifieds offer you several possibilities to achieve your goal. Payment possible by credit card. Call today! Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-639 0333 Jerusalem, Tel. 02-531 5608 ammin annal

and their families, providing meals, medical and rehabilitation equipment, blood donors, household ambulances accommodation and other services almost entirely free of charge. In addition to paying NIS 500 per head to

attend the gala dinner, Elliot Gould several of the 500 guests

made on-the-spot contributions or purchased items from close to half a million shekels worth of exquisitely fashioned silver objects donated by the Mardiger family which owns HaZorfim, the international silver crafting chain. Even Health Yeboshua Matza got into the spirit of giving and transferred

**Kirk Douglas** NIS 100,000 from the strapped

to the social elite. The couple took up residence in Jerusalem when they arrived 62 years ago, and have lived in the capital ever since.

SWARMED BY offers from tinsel town following his success with Shine, Australian director Scott Hicks told Warner Brothers he would love to adapt the 1992 bestselling munder mystery The Secret History by Donna Tarti. Since Warner owns the film rights for the book, it didn't take long before Hicks got together with screen writer. Rafael Yglesias. Tartt, who doesn't see many movies, is on tenterbooks waiting for the results. Now working on her next novel, she doesn't want to be part of the screenwriting effort and, bearing in mind how much license Hicks took with Shine, has stated she doesn't care if the script is faithful to her text. She's seen plenty of homible movies which were faithful to the book, she said. But she also saw Shine and loved it.

THE ASSOCIATION of Kirk Douglas with Aish HaTorah, the religious outreach program, has aheady been well documented. The ailing actor, who has remmed to his Jewish heritage, last year sponsored a well-attended Aish HaTorah Discovery seminar at Universal Studios in L.A. A couple of months later Elliott Gould followed suit with a similar mindbender in New York. Last month the ball was back in the L.A. court, where Jason Alexander of Scinfeld hosted some thousand participants at a Celebrity Discovery Seminar.





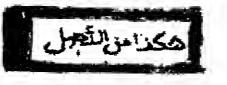




in 1935 as refugees from Nazi Germany was to take out a subscription to the Post.

They've been faithful subscribers ever since. Siedner had been a medical student when the Nazis came to power, but was forced to abandon his studies. He then became apprenticed to a carpenter who made coffins because "that was the. nearest to medicine." His wife, he said, had

been the best hatmaker in the country, catering



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# **BUSINESS&FINANCE**

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Applicom releases RadJa for website development Applicom recently announced the release of Rapid Application Development with Java (RadJa), a visual programming environment that enables the user to create Java applets and applications without the need for programming in Java code. The Radla product is being offered to programmers as an aid to shorten develop-ment time of Java-based applications.

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Check Point, Walden and Gemini invest \$2.5m. in Israel start-up: Check Point Software Technologies, Ltd., an Israeli maker of firewall technology, Walden International Investment Group, Gemini, Forval Creative, Inc. and Blumberg Capital invested \$2.5m. in AbirNet Ltd., a privately-held company that manufactures intranet network protection technologies. AbirNet provides solutions that safeguard companies' internal networks against systems' intrusions that can occur when employees utilize the Internet and World Wide Web.

NetManage to supply Sony with connectivity software: NetManage, Inc. (Nasdaq: NETM) recently announced that Sony of Canada has purchased NetManage's Chameleon HostLink product to be used on over 500 of their workstations. The software, which was bought for an uodisclosed sum, will allow Sony to connect the company's Window's operated workstations with any of its IBM or Unix servers. Based in Cupertino, California, NetManage has three development centers in Israel.

Orckit and Fujitsu sign joint development agreement: Orckit Communications, Ltd. (Nasdaq: ORCTF) and Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc. recently announced the signing of a joint development and strategic marketing alliance agreement. The agreement stipulates that Fujitsu will resell Orckit's FastInternet access system and other digital subscriber line products, which are designed to provide high-speed modem access over existing telephone lines. According to the agreement, both companies will also work to integrate Orckit's DSL technology into Fujitsu's platforms.

Nexus signs \$2m. agreement with Asian co.: Nexus Telecommunications Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq: NXUSF) of Givatayim has signed a \$2m. agreement to sell its two-way paging systems to an undisclosed telecommunications operator in Southeast Asia. The contract does not include end-user units which will be purchased directly form Samsung Electronics, under a license agreement with Nexus. The two-way paging system allows subscribers to receive an incoming message through the existing paging networks and then transmit a return message.

Samsung delegation to visit Israel: A delegation of Samsung Electronics executives is scheduled to arrive in Israel at the end of the month and to visit more than 100 Israeli high-tech coocerns, including ECI, Motorola, Israel Aircraft Industries, Tadiran and several start-op companies. Samsung, South Korea's largest concern, and the world's largest maker of computer memory chips, recorded sales of \$84b. in 1996. The group, which consists of 28 companies, manufactures a wide range of goods, including televisions, computers and telecommunications products.

... Security-7 to release beta-site version of security technology: Security-7 Ltd. of Haifa recently announced that next month A will release its Internet security software for beta-site testing in-Israel. The security system is designed to help protect mediumand large-sized corporations' computer systems from securityviolating executables, such as Java applets and ActiveX compo-

## **Federman bids for Strauss** stake in Elite Industries

Offer suggests company value of more than twice TASE price

#### By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Elite Industrics' controlling shareholder, the Federman family, yesterday offered to purchase the Strauss group's minority stake to the country's leading sweets and snacks producer, at more than double the market value, as reflected in Elite's share price on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

According to the offer agreement, the Strauss family can instead, within 60 days, offer to purchase all of the Federman family's shares in Elite at a price 2.5% below Federman's purchase offer.

This week the Strauss Group informed the Federman family of its iotention to break up the Elite joint control agreement and purchase the Federman family's holdings in the company, said Elite chairman David Federman. Under the Strauss-Federman ownership and voting agreement, the major shareholders can take advantage of a Buy Me/Buy You mechanism wherehy any party can offer to purchase his partner's shares in the company at a specified price.

According to the agreement, the parmer must respond to the offer within 60 days, or may instead decide to buy out the offerer. Federman yesterday triggered the agreement.

The Federman family is offering to purchase Elite NIS 1 shares at NIS 38 per share and Elite NIS 5 shares at NIS 67.25. On Wednesday, Elite NIS 1 shares traded at NIS 17.98 per share while Elite NIS 5 shares traded at NIS 79.86 per share on the TASE.

If Strauss decides to purchase Federman's shares, they will be acquired according to a company value of \$517m., Elite said in a statement. The price is 117% above the company's market value, Wednesday which stood at \$238m



Michael Strauss (Dana Sternan/Israel Sun)

The Federman family currently holds 26.28 percept of Elite's voting shares and 13% of its capital shares, while the Strauss Group, through Gideon Holdings, controls 19.17% of the voting shares and 17.59% of the capital shares.

If Strauss takes advantage of the offer it will not only hreak up the two families' joint control of the company but will also end the Federman family's 12-year investment in the company. Michael Strauss, chairman and CEO of Strauss, could not be reached for comment. The Federman family's shares are mortgaged

to banks to secure a \$20m. loan that was used to finance the purchase of Elite shares from British Man, after a power struggle for control.

#### Capital market sources claim the Federman family is paying high interest rates on the loan. which was taken more than a year ago. Following the purchase, Federman sold a

rollowing the princhase, recentant solit a package of shares to the Strauss group, turning it into a partner in the company. The French-based food giant Danone, which has recently examined a possible acquisition in some areas of Elite's operations, recently purchased 20% of Strauss Dairies for \$56m. Strauss is one of the country's largest privately owned food companies. The company has an equal partnership with Unilever in the icecream division.

In a letter to Elite workers Federman said he will provide reasons for his actions after the 60-day waiting period. He urged the workers to maintain industrial peace.

"Elite is at the start of a new period of rapid success in all fields - it is our duty to maintain the continuation of this process," said Federman.

Elite has recently gone through a process of reorganization: It has closed unprofitable divisions and split up into separate "profit centers" to belp it cope with increased competition from international food conglomerates and to facilitate its penetration of overseas markets. Various analysts forecast that over the next two years Elite will benefit from its reorganization. Elite finished 1996 with a NIS 18.1m. profit,

compared to a oet loss of NIS 6.8m. in the corresponding period last year. In the fourth quarter of 1996, the company posted a net loss of NIS 13.7m., compared with a net loss of NIS 47.3m. in the same quarter last year.

The fourth-quarter results include one-off expenses and write-offs from the reorganization plan and closure of the company's European coffee factory, amounting to NIS 17.28m. in 1996 and NIS 47.7m. in 1995.

## Sharon, Russians to discuss gas deal

#### By DAVID HARRIS

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and RAO Gazprom, the world's largest gas producer, are to begin negotiating a possible Israeli gas pur-chase from Russia, Prime W Minister's Office deputy & spokesman Ofir Akoonis said yesterday.

Such a deal was discussed during the Moscow meeting this week between Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, according to u Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak.

Netanyahu told his counterpart he would be happy to consider huying gas from Russia if it is economically feasible, said Akoonis. The two agreed that Sharon should travel to Russia in the coming weeks to begin the " negotiations.

"This is just another possibility 'S in the basket," said Sharon's spokesman Ra'anan Gissin. "We are not cancelling our interest in Egypt and Qatar, Russia could be either an alternative or an additional supplier."

Negotiatioos are cootiouing between Israel and Egypt for the supply of natural gas via a land or sea pipeline. However, the government fears total depen- ;-; dency on one source, particularly given political tensions in the region, and is examining several alternative sources, including Turkey, Russia Turkmenistan. and

The varions proposals to bring gas from such distances are described by industry experts as not viable, either financially or logistically. However, executives at Merhav, an Israeli company invested in . Turkmenistan, believe it is possible for a pipeline to be constructed to Israel from that country, with the Israel from that country, with has one of the world's larges reserves.

Turkmeni Foreign Minister reports that Africa-Israel, one of

artificial islands plan investigate the possibility over the 20,000 people, provide employ-next six months. The team would ment for 10,000, and draw anothinclude representatives from the Transport, Finance, National

Infrastructure, Interior, and Environment ministries, the Airports Authority and Tel Aviv the

Municipality. The existing Sde Dov airport is restricted to handling small and medium-sized aircraft. The new site would be built to allow larger aircraft, enabling direct flights to

er 20,000 each day for tourism and business. They would be

-Alon Israel Oil company, the linked to the shore with bridges. enerator of local gas stations, Tunnels'resting on the sea bed in shallow water would link islands intends to continue to open its gas stations on Saturday, in contrast to in relatively close proximity. It is estimated each island would cost

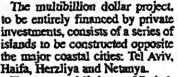
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Virgin Records and Time Warner to adapt Geo's Emblaze Creator: Time Warner and Virgin Records receatly announced that they will deploy Geo Interactive Media's Emblaze Creator product in their Web home pages. The Emblaze technology allows site developers to operate multimedia composents such as video, animatico and sound oo Internet Web sites. Geo (L.N: GIM) is scheduled to release the Emblaze Creator in April.

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The cabinet is scheduled to dis-

cuss the construction of a series of

islands off the coast during its

weekly meeting this morning, the

first time National Infrastructure

Minister Ariel Sharon puts the

idea before the cabinet.

Haifa, Herzliya and Netanya. Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy will recommend considering the transfer of Tel Aviv's Sde Dov Airport to an island to be built

opposite the city. Levy will call for the creation of an interministerial committee to

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Tel Aviv from Europe. A proposal to transfer Ben-Gurion Airport to an artificial island is also being discussed. However, it would take seven coast." years to decide if such a move is

even feasible. Each island, measuring a square kilometer, would house

\$1 billion. "I am in favor of the construction of these islands," said Sharon, during a recent meeting with experts on the issue. "It is my intention to implement this. It could change the quality of life for those who live along Israel's

Experts believe that if the plan is approved, construction of the first island could begin off Tel Aviv within three years.

the major shareholder's has requested the company to close on Shabbat, the company announced this week.

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By GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Alon denied reports that Africa Israel, under the control of its new shareholder Orthodox businessman Lev Levayev, has requested it to close stations on Saturday. Assuming Africa Israel does request it to close on Saturday, the offer will be rejected, said Alon, emphasizing that it will continue to operate all stations all days of the week, with the exception of stations situated in religious areas.

Alon is among the country's younger gas station companies, founded five years ago following government reforms to increase competition in the fuel sector. The company is owned by the Kibbutz Movement, which owns 37% of the shares, a group of private investors which also own 37% of the company's stock and Africa Israel which owns the remaining 26% of the shares. The company currently operates 18 public gas stations as well as 120 internal gas stations in kibbutzim and other closed communities.

In related news, Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor Dan Darin who is also in charge of city huilding, is threatening not to give Africa Israel building approvals if the company goes ahead with its plans to close the Ramat Aviv Mall on Shabbat.

Boris Sheikhmuradov has requested a meeting with Sharon to discuss the supply of natural gas to Israel during his visit here next week.

Meanwhile, during Netanyahu's visit to Russia, he and Chernomyrdin signed a customs cooperation agreement between the countries. As a result, the authorities in hoth states will participate in joint investigations. This is a particularly important agreement, in the light of the expected increase in bilateral trade, said Customs and VAT Director Motti Ayalon.

The two governments also pledged to negotiate an agreement to prevent double taxation.



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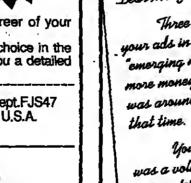
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| Dein Part & L  | ah & McLn   | Spring Inds47.125 -0.125<br>Sprint Corp42.625 -1.75<br>Standard Prote275 -0.375  | 24.35 -0.16<br>Mannesmann   | Jerusalem Post will not be<br>held responsible for the  | activity during January and<br>February.<br>The robust retail sales report                            | Department said new claims for<br>jobless benefits fell hy 5,000 last<br>week to the lowest level in more |
| Diebold Inc  | International Corp         2575         +0.25           Integration         22.25         -0.75           Dormetic         22.5         +0.5           Dormetics         22.5         +0.5           Dormetics         22.5         +0.5           Dormetics         44         +0.375           Dormetics         63.875         -2.875           Organe Hill         -0.375         -1.25 | Stanley Works  | SOURCE: SAP CONSTOCK (DATE 13-MAR-97)   | consequences of any<br>transaction made on the<br>basis of these data.  | compounded growing fears that<br>the Federal Reserve will soon<br>raise interest rates to slow bor-   | than two years, reflecting a tight-<br>ening labor market that could<br>force wages - and consumer        |
| Lasney (Wait)  | 1371W HE50.875 -1.25  | 44.3/3 +0.123  | Tin local currencies  | Readers who wish to report  | rowing and speoding as protec-<br>tion against inflationary demand,                                   | prices - higher.<br>Declining issues outnumbered  |

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Weizman thanked him for the relephone call and noted that the peace process had already "gone a long way." He expressed the hope that it would be possible to put it back oo track. "I hope this will be with your

help," Arafat told Weizman, who responded that he would do his very best to assist.

Jordan's King Hussein tele-phoned Weizman from Spain to express his shock and coodo-"I feel as if those pupils who

were our guests on Jordanian soil were my own children," Hussein told Weizman, adding that he would do his utmost to reduce the current tensions between Jordan and Israel. Weizman said afterwards: "We

are in the midst of a very complicated process...The signs are that

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange data were unavailable due to technical difficulties.

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King Hussein and Prince Hassan who spoke with me and, I believe, with the prime minister, understand that the process must go on and are even fearful that it might

and are even tearnin that it hight stop." Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday faxed Weizman to convey his "condo-lences to the families of the vic-tims and the Israeli people." Mubarak said: "We were sad-dened he the targin less of life of dened by the tragic loss of life of children and innocent people. It is our earnest and sincere hope that efforts will be doubled in the days ahead to create a better atmosphere io our region, and eliminate causes of tension and violence." After last oight's meeting betweeo Weizman and

Netanyahu, an official, describing Weizman's current role, com-mented "One person cannot push forward the peace process alone. With the president, the prime minister has someone he can talk to."



missing or misquoted data A sharp rise in retail sales, which should do so on postcards

represent about one-third of the nation's economic activity, might aggravate inflationary only, addressed to Jerusalem Post Business pressures such as rising prodoc-Desk, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000 tion costs. As bond prices fell, the yield

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Prominent among the NYSE's

most active issues were those involved in the planned recon-figuration of the Dow, announced after Wednesday's

close by Dow Jones and Co.,

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 4-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 535 np. 2,099 down and 715 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 503.74

million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 483.22 million in the previous

session. The Standard and Poor's 500-The Standard and Poor's 500-stock list decreased 14.70, of 1.8%, to 789.56, the NYSE com-posite index fell 7.67 to 415.87, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 4.02 to 598.02. The Nasdaq composite index fell just 10.86 to 1.293.27, cush-ioned by a partial rebound in some technology issues beaten down by recent profit-taking.

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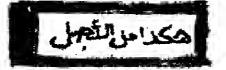
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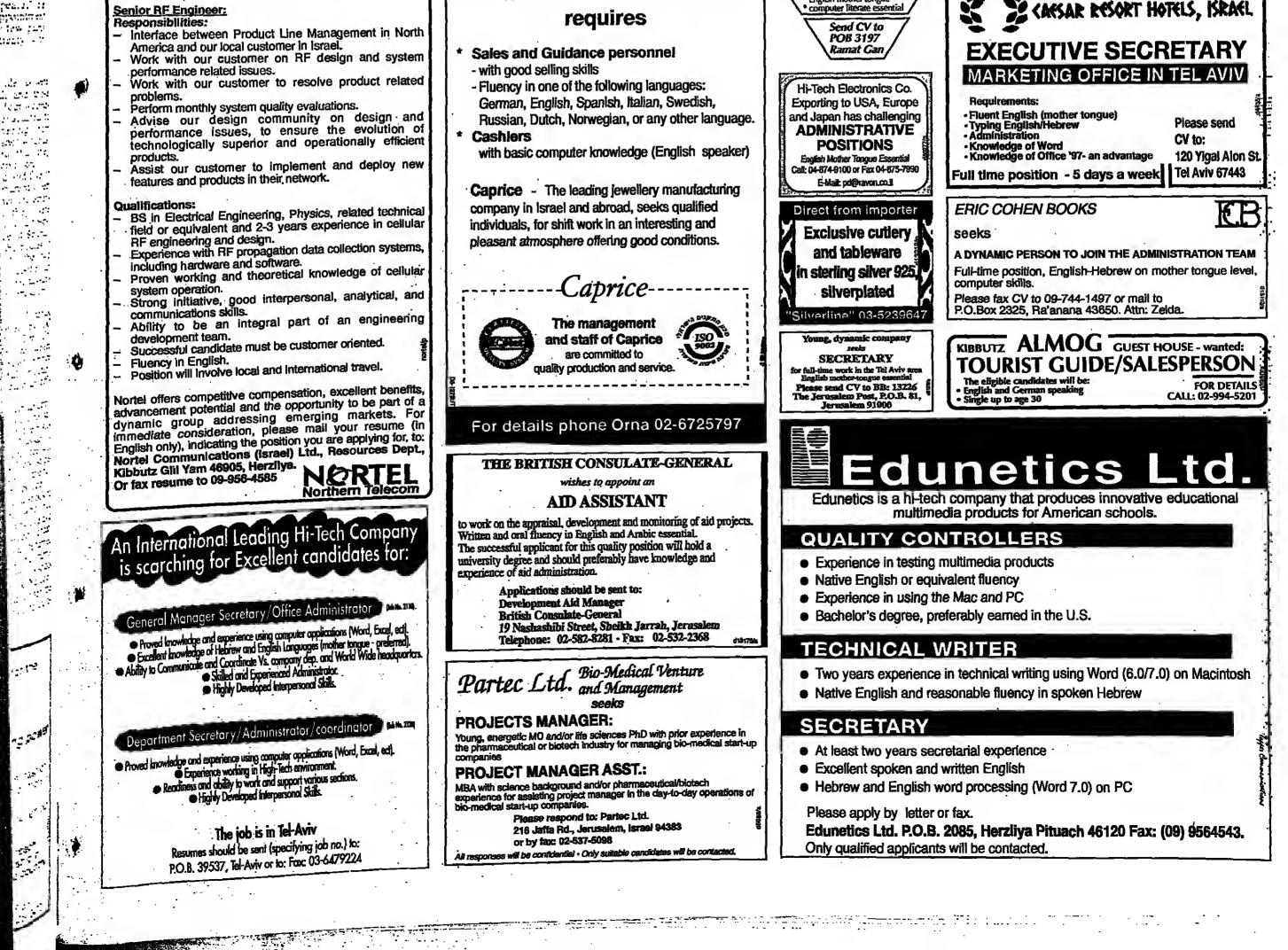
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Arafat gave Netanyahu no credit for things

he had done, like releasing all the women

prisoners, which he said occurred only "after

He said that Israel was not paying its debts to the PA. "If I showed you the lists of finan-

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These related to reimbursement for inter-

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PA Cabinet Secretary Ahmed Abdel-

Rahman said yesterday that tomorrow's

Gaza conference is not meant to replace

direct Israeli-Palestinian talks but to clarify

the legality of the Palestinian position on

on 23,000 cars purchased in the past three

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### Har Homa construction starts Monday

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Israel will begin construction on Har Homa on Monday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak said last

The issue of moving ahead with Har Homa was raised at yesterday's inner cabinet meeting, though, due to the Naharayim tragedy, the discussion was brief. David Macovsky

### A-G to give opinion on PA office closure

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein told Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday that he would formulate his opinion on the legality of closing four Palestinian offices in eastern Jerusalem by the heginning of next week. Rubinstein is expected to relate to whether documents claiming that the four offices are not affiliated to the Palestinian Authority are indeed valid and can stand up in court. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu gave orders last week to close the offices.

Batsheva Tsur

### Families of terror victims call for justice

Families of terror victims called on the government yesterday to demand that the Palestinian Authority bring to trial those who

They made the demand at a Jerusalem press conference orga-nized by Yebuda Wachsman, Stanley Boim and Motti Yamin. Wachsman's and Boim's sons and Yamin's father were killed by

"Our demand is minimal: to at least request the murderers" capture and bring them to trial. We aren't even talking about their extradition and being brought to trial in Israel," Wachsman said. "Our citizens are being kidnapped and murdered in the streets and the government isn't demanding the minimum - that it [the PA] extradite murderers." Itim

#### Tel Aviv Marathon to disrupt traffic

Traffic congestion is expected today in the center of Tel Aviv during the city's annual marathon. Some 800 policemen will be on duty in the city, closing off roads for the runners and directing drivers to alternate routes. Police are asking motorists to follow the special road signs and obey instructions of policemen. Itim

#### UTJ joins Ramat Aviv mall fight

Knesset Finance Committee Chairman Avraham Ravitz and MK Moshe Gafni, both of United Torah Judaism, have written to Interior Minister Eli Suissa demanding he investigate the Tel Aviv municipality, Mayor Ronni Milo, and Deputy Mayor Dan Darin for announcing they would not grant building permits to Africa Israel because of its decision to close the Ramat Aviv

shopping mall on Shabbat. They also filed a police complaint. In the plenum, MK Shalom Simhon (Labor) called for an investigation into the company, saying that it had cheated investors by not announcing in advance its intention to keep the mall closed on Shabbat. Liat Collins

#### Indyk responds to Ze'evi slur

After a week of keeping mum on being called a "Jewboy" by Moledet MK Rehavam Zc'evi, US Ambassador Martin Indyk said yesterday:"A member of Congress who engaged in such an antisemitic slur, on a representative of a friendly, government ..... brouldings be, a member of flongiess today." ningykaddressing a meeting of the Council on the Peace Process After Hebron, was responding to the apologies of several participants, including David Kimche, president of the Israel Council on Foreign Relations and Avi Becker, director of the Israel office of the World Jewish Congress. Greer Fay Cashman

## Arafat complains about settlements

## PA leader also rejects Israel's redeployment, slams Har Homa plans

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In the meantime, Maller and her

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and to earn we have to invest." she says. Paradoxically, she says,

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substantially cut, adding to Maller's belief that no one is real-

ly serious about having Jews stay

in the area. "If they were serious, they would make it financially

For Maller, the settlement's

bleak future does not seem to

hover over her constantly, like a dark, heavy cloud. "It hurts to

says. "But we don't think about it

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#### By JON IMMANUEL

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat opened a meeting of the Palestinian Legislative Council in Bethlehem yesterday with an attack on "the monster called settlements which are eating up our land, eating the peace process."

The meeting, on the second floor of City Hall, was almost within eyesight of Har

He called the offer of redeployment from seven percent from Area B "taking something out of one of my pockets and putting it in another of my pockets. They are giving me something that I already have. We rejected this suggestion and we will continue to reject it because we cannot be fooled. We cannot accept this injustice and this arrogance." He said that Har Homa construction and

General Assembly urges Israel to reverse Har Homa decision

The UN General Assembly, by an overwhelming majority, passed a resolution yesterday calling on Israel to reverse its decision on Har Homa. The vote was 130 to 2. The US, which has been criticized for blocking a similar resolution in the Security Council, joined Israel in voting against the resolution.

Although General Assembly resolutions are not binding, this vote was seen as especially troublesome because of the range of nations lined up against Israel. The resolution's sponsors included

Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Ireland, Finland, Italy, Greece, Sweden and Spain. The resolution, which was simi-

lar to the one vetoed by the US last Friday in the UN Security Council, called on Israel to "refrain from all actions or measures, including settlement activities, which alter the facts on the ground, preempting the finlaf-stand tus negotiations, and have flegal in tive implications for the Middle East peace process." It referred to the Har Homa project as "new settlement activities in the Jebel Abu Ghneim area in East Jerusalem," calling such activities illegal.

May 1999. As it stands, the price of unilat-eral actions taken for domestic political purposes - as opposed to necessary actions for national security - is sharply rising as the peace process continues. One US official said: "Netanyahn used up his political credit after Hebron by building Har Homa."

BOTH LIKUD officials and senior Western diplomats said Rubicon by going ahead with Hebron and other aspects of Oslo, now needs to go to the public and they do not not see how Netanyahu can hold the coalition and peace process together, and at some point Netanyahu will have to make some tough choices between his current coalition and the creation of a unity governwith his conciliatory speech in Hebron in January, needs to rein-

If Netanyahn survives Har Homa, no-confidence votes and the Bar-On investigation, this crossroads is likely to occur this By Netanyahu focusing on the public no less than the Knesset. fall, at the time of the second pullback when partition of the West Bank comes into clearer focus.

Predictably, Begin says Netanyahu should choose the coalition. "You can hold a stick at both ends, but you cannot direct it anywhere," he said. "Yon cannot keep Mubarak, Hussein, Arafat, and [Likud MK and Oslo oppo-nent Michael] Kleiner happy simultaneously." Begin said he hopes Netanyahu realizes that there is no agreement possible. between Israel and the PLO since

the differences are too wide." A senior Western diplomat expressed a widely held view alongside Rabin's grave. "Let's not keep silent," he said. about Netanyahu and his government, "either the peace process "Let our voices rise high to speak survives or his government surof our commitment to peace for vives. This is his dilemma: make all times to come ..... This is where history or be history. He has to we stand. This is our camp."

further redeployment were only two of more recent Israeli decisions to the signatories of than 70 issues that remained to be resolved the peace agreements. the peace agreements. He said that televised comments by gov-

emment Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh concerning Palestinian refusal to meet faceto-face with Israeli government officials were untrue.

Naveh said that the Palestinians should stop circumventing the peace process by trying to establish international forums like the Gaza conference, and return to direct talks. Abdel-Rahman said contacts are still tak-

ing place at a lower level, for example, with Netanyahu's chief negotiator Yitzhak. Molcho.

He said the Gaza conference, which will include diplomats from the US; Russia, European Union, Japan, Egypt, Jordan and Norway was not in place of bilateral talks but in addition to them.

MESSAGE

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SAN FRANCISCO consul-gener-

al Nimrod Barkan calls his region

a success story. The four most

important newspapers there - The San Francisco Chronicle, San

Jose Mercury News, Seattle Times

and The Oregonian - bave

refrained from running a single

editorial on the recent Israeli-

In just a 10-day period, The

New York Times and The

Washington Post ran a total of

three editorials attacking the Har

Barkan says that he hasn't "sold.

them on the correctness of our

policy," but that the consulate has

forestalled negative press by pre-senting credible analyses oo the

He adds that he is well-connect-

ed to the foreign ministry and the

embassy and gets all the required

US is in Ben-Elissar's corner but

says of Israel's inability to sell its

message: "There is a deep crisis. I

say it with sorrow." The official,

wbo spoke on condition of

anonymity, said Ben-Elissar must

share part of the blame, particu-

larly for two blunders in the past

week. One was leaving town dur-

ing Arafat's visit, which Ben-

Elissar says is a coincidence and

The other error occurred hours

after his return, when Ben-Elissar

summoned Israeli reporters to

announce that US special Middle

East coordinator Dennis Ross had

just told him that State

Department spokesman Nicholas

Burns had mistakenly character-

ized the elevated US-Palestinian

relationship. That set off two days

of highly unusual, unseemly pub-

much ado about nothing.

A second Israeli official in the

Palestinian disputes.

Homa plan.

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support.

US Consul-General Edward Abington who is to attend the forum, said "the intention of the United States is to defuse the tension and to try to find ways to get the process back on track."

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Hillel Kuttler adds:

Leaders of both houses of Congress are urging President Clinton to reconsider the administration's participation in tomorrow's conference in Gaza.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms sent separate letters to Clinton yester-

Thirty-one Democrats in the House, including minority leader Richard Gephandi sent yet another letter to Clinton that called the US participation "a serious mistake" that would "jeopardize" Washington's role as an honest broker in Israeli-Palestinian talks.

> the UN - or anyone permanent. for that matter - was a hability last week as the Security Council resolution opposing Har Homa came to the floor.

A sitting New York consul-general could also have played a key role in briefing the national Jewish organizational leadership. One American Jewish official said Ben-Elissar has done a better job recently in reaching out to the Jewish community, but is plagued by a "kind of cognitive dissonance" in talking of advancing the peace process while doing "a lot of complaining" about it.

The appointment of the non-English-speaking Kiryat Yam mayor Shmuel Siso as New York consul-general - along with last Netanyahu-Levy summer's maneuvering that sent neither's. top choice, Ben-Elissar, to Washington - smack of "smalltime local politics" now working to Israel's detriment, the Israeli official said. "Very serious national interests are being sacrificed," be asserts.

As if that were not enough, he said Ben-Elissar could be shooting Israel's representatives to the? US in the foot by so far refusing to anthorize the consul-generals" participation at April's annual () conference of AIPAC, the acknowledged giant of pro-Israel lobby groups. The two-day event has long been considered invaluable for Israeli diplomats to strengthen links with congressmen and senators. Ben-Elissar considers AIPAC "the most important lorganization that a format, but said his decision boils down

to money. "I thought that we had to make important cuts in oor budget, that the expense would not [yield] the results we could achieve otherwise.

"So the consul-general will be here and he will do what? He will

make a decision. Balancing will TRUST only work for a short time." When asked how Netanyahu Continued from Page 9 will reconcile between peace and domestic politics, an official in the Prime Minister's Office said: "It is true that there is very little room to maneuver between the coalition and the international system. Yet, fashioning the broadest

#### NA'AMA **Continued from Page 12**

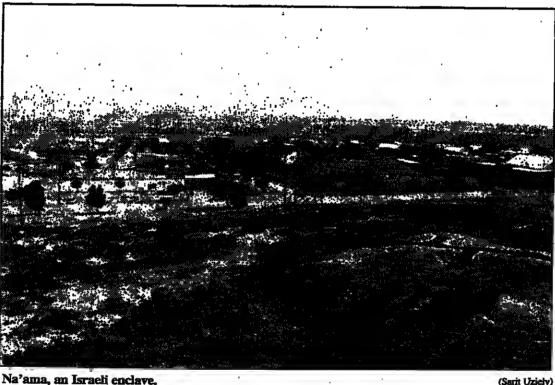
has for Karmei Tzur residents: get ready for a plague of theft. Since the implementation of autonomy, Hasson says, ber bothouses where the family grows flowers and warehouses have been robbed five times. The battles she wages are more with the tax authorities, trying to get money back for stolen goods - insurance companics won't provide insurance there anymore - than with the Palestinians.

IN SEPTEMBER 1993, immediately after the signing of the Oslo accords, Hasson's busband, Ya'acov, took part in one of the first protests against the accords in the Jordan Valley. "The waiting and the uncertainty will kill us," be said then of the accords. "I'm a buman being, I'm a citizen; and I deserve to know my fate and the fate of my children...We want peace. We will readily abide by what the government decides. If there is a Palestinian state here, we will leave. We just want to KINOW, HOW.'

Nearly four years later, and the Hassons still don't know. The uncertainty takes a huge emotional toll. Liora Hasson gets annoyed when reminded of those who say that, if she wanted, she could end the uncertainty now and leave Na'ama; that the reason she is staying is to get generous government compensation down the road.

"I do not wish upon anyone the emotional turmoil of the last few years," says Hasson, a mother of four. "Nn amount of money will compensate me for that emotional anguish. I am willing to trade places with those who now have a sense of security in their homes, and in the lives that they bave built." Hasson says she just wants to know where things stand. "I want the final arrangements now," Hasson says. "I want to know where the border will be. That that's it already. That it's over. As is, I don't know if this house is here forever, or only temporarily."

IN 1994, the year that antonomy was implemented in Jeriebo, 12 habies were born in Na'ama, meaning that nearly half of the settlement's families grew. Both Hasson and Maller, also a mother of four, gave birth that year.



Hasson jokes that this was the settlement's answer to the accords, a show of defiance, an indication that the people were consciously deepening their attachment to the area.

But she knows it was probably just an example of cyclical pregnancies that hit many small communities: one pregnancy leading to another, enabling enough chil-dren for a preschool class.

Hasson is not pounding her family's stakes further into Na'ama, even though she has added a kitchen, living room and bedroom to her home since the settlement became an enclave. "But," she says, "this was just to enhance our quality of life. At the time we made a decision that it is not the time to build our dream house." Hasson, who grew up in Holon, came to Na'ama 14 years ago with her husband for ideological reasons. Having her home uprooted is, therefore, very traumatic. The trauma is less for Maller, who, with her busband Pini, came to the area 12 years agn because it was an affordable place to set up an agricultural endeavor. She is less traumatized than Hasson hy the though of pprooting and moving. Maybe, she admits, because she did it once when her family when they immigrated from Riga

in 1974. Though difficult, she saw then that uprooting and moving is not

the end of the world. Unlike Hasson, Maller says she feels more secure in Na'ama after antonomy, than before. "When I drive through Ouja and see a Palestinian and Israeli jeep together, I feel secure. When I

#### **KARMEI TZUR Continued from Page 12**

by an apparent lack of details regarding the next phases of the interim agreement. "It's like being completely enveloped hy fog. Maybe the government is doing it on purpose." "No one knows what will hap-

pen in the next two phases or how much land will be given to the Palestinian Anthority," says Uliel. "People don't talk of peace anymore. Instead, they talk about peace of mind." None of the residents inter-

viewed this week, however, say they considered leaving the settlement a viable option. We are in fact safeguarding the nation, ensuring a continuity of Jewish presence," Uliel says.

The settlement celebrated its bar mitzva during Hanukka. Its founding members were graduates of the Mount Zion Yeshiva in Alon Sbyut who dreamed of establishing a settlement nearby. We wanted to form a link, a

(Sarit Uziely) think that I will not be able to pass see them sitting together, I feel my bome here down as an inheritance, or that we won't he able to secure - like it all may actually plant a tree now and enjoy its fruits years down the road," she work out."

Although she feels physically secure, she is as insecure about her future as Hasson. Both Labor and Likud spokesmen talk proud-

can't build here without them,"

carpenter from a neighboring vil-

lage carried out repairs on her

still fear for my safety."

had become Area A [PA con-Jewish presence between Gush Etzion and Hebron," says Ofer. trolled], even technicians and repairmen would be too scared to PLANS to expand and build addicome here.

tional housing on an adjacent lot Terraced agricultural plots have been put on huld after archecrisscross the countryside, in some places almost touching the barbed-wire fence that surrounds ological relics were discovered on the site. "We agreed to fence off the area," says Uliel, adding that the settlement. Some of the plots the Defense Ministry has yet to have been left unattended and authorize the plans to go ahead. have dried up. On the western Construction work and renova-tions are carried out by laborers side of the settlement, the land has recently been plowed up.

from nearby villages, as well as Hebron and Bethlehem. "You Gillis, an immigrant from England who moved to Karmei Tzur six years ago, says, "We saw so many settlements before we says Haya Breuer, watching as a decided to move here. Many had extravagant bouses, hut we were searching for simplicity, and Karmei Tzur appealed to us." The question that remains is

ALL MENTIONED friends and relatives who were afraid to visit them at the settlement. "When we whether communities like it appeal to the government. Karmei first got married, my parents hought us an apartment in Jerusalem," says Rashi, who turned her back on big-city life. Tzur's residents are not at all sure. "If the decision makers took more effort in planning the infrastructure, the roads, and took into 'Even though they approve, they account the natural expansion and development of settlements," says Things could be worse, though, according to Ofer: "If the road Uliel, "perhaps we wouldn't have been in danger of being cut off."

lic snapping betweeo Ben-Elissar and Burns, made all the worse by the sharp bilateral differences over Har Homa and the PA offices. But Levy and Netanyahu are

What particularly annoys Maller more culpable, the official said. for holding up the appointment of an ambassador to the UN and not is that her property is worthless. "I have invested too much in the naming a replacement for depart-ing New York consul-general place to leave now," she says. "Either they should come to a solution, or tell us to leave." It is :-Colette Avital the waiting period, she maintains,

It goes without saying that not having a Netanyahu-like figure in

see all his states' constituents' representatives? So in what sense will his trip pay? If he tells me it would be important to meet all those people, first of all, he could meet them in his own [region]. "And if he thinks he should meet them in the Senate, here on the [Capitol] Hill, it would be okay. I'm here being very, very pragmatic. If it's necessary, do it; if it doesn't pay, don't do it, It's very simple."

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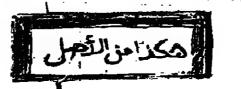
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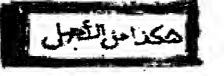
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SPORTS

# **Efes Pilsen cuts short** Maccabi's European season

Naumoski leads Turks into quarterfinals with 84-69 win

#### By BRIAN FREEMAN

The old adage that great players come through in big games proved true last night, as Efes Pilsen star Petar Naumoski scored 32 points to lead the Turks to an 84-69 win over Maccabi Tel Aviv in their third and decisive Final 16 Euroleague match in Istanbul

The loss ends Maccabi's European season, while Efes Pilsen advances to the quarterfinals to meet Villeurbane, which defeated Estudiantes Madrid 75-71 in the third game of their series last night in France

Maccabi had succeeded in containing Efes Pilsen's brilliant point guard in the first two games of the series, but Nanmoski was not to be denied this time.

He drilled baskets from outside, drove the lane virtually at will and was a perfect 13-13 from the freethrow line before a wildly enthusiastic home crowd. Efes Pilsen won its tenth consecu-

tive European game in Istanbul, including a 76-67 victory over Maccabi in Game 1, and also secured the home-court advantage for the best-of-three quarterfinals, which begins on March 27.

Naumoski had a hand, via either a basket or assist, in the Turks' first eight points and never slowed down, scoring 23 points in the first half as Efes took a 42-29 lead into the locker room.

The Israelis had raced back from a 21-12 deficit midway through the half to take a 24-23 lead with 7:15 to

But that advantage, the last

By MARK RIVLIN

LONDON - Maccabi Tel Aviv

defender Gadi Brumer returned to

Israel last night after completing a

three day trial at English Premiership leaders Manchester

The 23-year-old Israeli interna-

tional joined the first team squad in

two training sessions and played a

full practice match between the first

half.

**Brumer** impresses

at Old Trafford



Efes Pilsen's Volkan Aydin during play in last night's game. (Reuter)

Maccabi was to have in the game, minutes as if the team flew to proved to be short lived, as the Tarks Istanbul in order to personally delivwent on a 19-5 run to close out the er the game as a gift to the Turks. Maccabi players travelled, lost the The Israelis played during those ball and found other creative ways to a useless and ill-timed technical foul

For Macrahi, White had 20, Ketash 15, Buck Johnson 9, Nadav Hensfeld 8, Borko Radovic 7, Derrick Sharp 5, Constantin Popa 3 and Sheffer 2. For Efex Pilsen, Naumoski scored 32, Derrick Alston 13, Ulhk Sarica and Mirsad Turkcan 11, Vasilij Karasev 7 and Tamer Organ and Valkan Aydin 5. commit turnovers on one offensive series after another,

Head coach Zvi Sherf also took his turn at the charity event, committing

Tel Aviv (half) Marathon sets off today

#### By JOEL GORDIN

All the country's leading long distance runners will transfer over the summer, and by take part in the half-marathon race to be held through then I hope to come and see Gadi in action at least once in Israel,"

the streets of Tel Aviv this morning. The 21.1km. race is one of the three events which make up the annual "Tel Aviv Marathon" organized jointly by the Hapoel Sports Center and the Tel Aviv Municipality. The others are the "6km. "mini-" marather" and the 2km. "popular" race. The full marather was abandoned three years ago as a result Ferguson added that Brumer had done well on the trial and believed of the traffic gridlocks caused in the metropolis. Brumer too was pleased with his

performance, telling reporters that it had been an excellent learning expe-The men's entry list is a who who's of local runners. They include national record-bolder Dov Cremer, Ein Gedi road race champion Haile Setine,

Abramski won the national marathon title in Tiberias in January when her main opponent Ella Krismass was disqualified after a controversial decision.

which added to the Turkish point

Maccabi came out of the locker

room after the break as if it was

ready to give the Turks a real battle

on their bome court, cutting the lead

to 49-43 with 15 minutes remain-

But then Randy White, who led Maccabi with 20 points, missed a

wide-open dunk in what proved to

be the turning point. Efes took advantage of the blunder to go on a

9-0 run and boost the lead to double

digits with 10 minutes left. The

Israelis were unable to get any clos-

er than nine points the rest of the

In contrast to Naumoski coming

through in the clutch, Maccabi had

no such player step up for the big

Although Oded Katash broke out

of his slump to score 15 points,

including three three-pointers, the

overall team effort looked nothing

like the 78-65 victory on Tuesday at Yad Eliahu which had evened the

And Doron Sheffer, whose experi-

ence in big-time college basketball at the University of Connecticut was

supposed to have prepared him for

the European wars, once again

He scored only two points on the

night and collected an embarrassing

proved a major disappointment.

eight during the series.

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Krismass, a new immigrant from Moldova, led all the way until she fell in the last kilometer. Wellmeaning spectators rushed to help her to her feet and she was disqualified under the rule which states that

a runner must finish the course without help. Krimass and her coach, Kami, appealed the decision, stating that the runner had not requested help and that "if the organization had been better, spectators would have been kept away from her."

It's doubtful if either of the women will beat Hungarian Helena Baroczi, who last year set a course record of 1:02:23. The slim 30-year-old Hungarian, a



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#### Sampras suffers first loss of 1997

INDIAN WELLS, Ca. (Reuter) - World No. 1 Pete Sampras suffered his first loss of the year Wednesday when 43rd-ranked Czech Bohdan Ulihrach beat him 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 in the second round of the Champions Cup.

Sampras arrived on stadium court having won all 17 matches he played in 1997 and with an overall 20-match winning streak. He also had won 34 consecutive hardcourt matches, dating back to August 1996.

#### Mr Mulligan lands Cheltenham Gold Cup

CHELTENHAM (Reuter) - The 20-1 shot Mr Mulligan finally conquered his cratic jumping yesterday to land the Cheltenham Gold Cup and give champion jockey Tony McCoy a memorable big race double.

McCoy, who won Tuesday's Champion Hurdle on Make a Stand, stuck like glue to the strapping chestnut who was foot perfect to land steeplechasing's most coveted prize.

Mr Mulligan stormed up the Cheltenham hill to land the Gold Cup by nine lengths from the 33-1 shot Barton Bank with the Irish povice Dorans Pride third at 10-1 in the 14-runner field.

#### Teenager banned for drugs set to play again

LONDON (Reuter) - An English first division player who was banned from the game for taking cocaine, cannabis and ecstasy was cleared to play again yesterday. The English FA lifted a suspension which it imposed on

Charlton Athletic teenager Jay Notley last November after he failed a drugs test. But it said Notley faced a lifetime ban from soccer if he tested

positive again.

#### Graveney named England chairman of selectors

LONDON (AP) - David Graveney, who has never played for England, was appointed chairman of selectors yesterday, with former captains Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting working under him on the committee.

The newly-formed English Cricket Board bas re-defined the role of the chairman of selectors and made it less powerful than when Graveney's predecessor, Ray Illingworth, had the job.

It will be a deliberately low-profile position with an emphasis on organization and administration while the England coach, captain and manager run the team.

Essex opener Gooch has been appointed a selector for two years and Middlesex batsman Gatting initially for one.

#### Aussie 'Bodyline' veteran dies at 89

MELBOURNE (AP) - Former Australian Test batsman Leo O'Brien - one of only two survivors of the famous Bodyline series against England in 1932-33 - died yesterday at the age of 89. Sir Donald Bradman is now the only Australian survivor of the series

O'Brien made his debut in the second Test of the 1932-33 series against the Englishmen in Melbourne.

A left-handed batsman and right-ann bowler, O'Brien was run out for 10 in the first innings of the Melbourne test and was-bowled by paceman Harold Larwood, the scourge of the Australian , baismen, for. 11 in the second mnings.

Australia won the match by 111 runs, but O'Brien was dropped until the fifth Test of the series in Sydney, where he scored 61 in the first innings - the highest score of his Test career. England won the match by eight wickets to clinch the contro-

versial series 4-1. Messier ties Bossy for 10th on all-time goals list

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Mark Messier tied former New York

Islander Mike Bossy for 10th place on the NHL's all-time goals

list with a power-play tally midway through the third period to

give the New York Rangers a 3-2 win over the Washington

and second teams on Wednesday. Brumer was the subject of transfer speculation in November last year when Israeli agent Pinhas Zehavi had set up a trial at last season's double-winners, but injury prevented the player from traveling to Manchester .-

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After this week's trial, United manager Alex Ferguson said the club were still keeping their options Open

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English newspapers covered the story in their sports sectious yesterday, staring that Brumer could well be a target for Ferguson over the summer.

the South African-born player had

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replacement for Steve Bruce, who was transferred to First Division Birmingham City, and aside from Brumer, Ferguson has reportedly been making enquiries about Spanish defender Roberto Rios of Real Betis.

Tame weekend of soccer awaits

#### By ORI LEWIS

This weekend's round of National League soccer action has a stale taste about it. With less that a third of the season remaining, none of the eight matches in the 22nd round appear to present a mouthwatering prospect, to say the least

But that is precisely when the pundits can be fooled. With a false (or perhaps real) sense of security about the weekend's action, as none of the leading clubs face menacing opposition, this is when upsets can - and do -

occur. Truthfully, however, it is difficult to see what - if any - difference any upset would make on the title race. Betar Jerusalem are seven points clear at the top, and playing far better soccer than any of their rivals, indeed, the rest of the league has

United have been looking for a

already conceded that the race for

the championhip is over. Bnei Ychuda, who host Betar at the National Stadium tomorrow are hoping for nothing more than a good payday at the turnstiles, which is why they abandoned their bastion in the Hatikva Quarter. An upset appears a remote possiblity. The weekend's featured match is

between two of the surprising sides in the league Hapoel Jerusalem and Hapoel Beit She'an at Teddy Stadium tomomow.

## This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off tomorrow at 15:00 maleu stated): Zafritim Holen v. Ironi Rishon, Holen roday Livits Hand

Zafririm Holon v. Irozi Rishon, Holon today 14:30; Hapoel Jerusalem v. Hapoel Beit She'an, Teddy Stadlum 17:45; Hapoel Tel Aviv v. Maccabi Petah TEvra, Bioomfieldi; Hapoel Kûrr Sava v. Hapoel Haifa, Kâr Sava, ioday IS:00; Maccabi Haifa v. Hapoel Beersheba, Kiryat Rikerer 15:30; Hapoel Petah Tikva v. Maccabi Herdiya, Petah Tikva; Hapoel Talba v. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Kfar Sava; Bael Yehuda v. Betar Jerusalem, National Stadium.

veteran Yair Kami, Assaf Bimro, Daniel Dasta and Amit Neuman.

Among the men, overseas visitors are Belgian Peter van Vakked and Russia's Alexander Godin, whose best times both surpass the course record of 1:02.23 set two years ago by Kenyan Philemon Metto.

Morrocan champion Hachas El-Mati, an original entry, has canceled his participation. There will be a "grudge" match-up in the women's section. Nili Friedman.

frequent visitor to Israel, also won this year's Ein Gedi road nace. The organizers expect more than 1,000 runners to compete in the half-marathon and mini-marathon both of which will start from Hadar Yosef Stadium at 10 a.m. More than 15,000 participants, mostly schoolchildren, will run in the popular race to be held at Rabin Square after the marathon torch is lit at 9:15 by Olympic silver madalist Gal

#### **Top-ranked Kansas wins opener** Pippen scores 21, Bulls edge 76ers as March Madness begins

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Scottie Pippen scored 31 points and the Chicago Balls withstood NCAA Tournament appearance Allen Iverson's several highafter winning the Southwestern Conference. light-reel plays and 37 points as they defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 108-104 on Wednesday At Auburn Hills, Danny Fortson scored 24 points and night.

It was the sixth 30-point game Darnell Burton added 18 as of the season for Pippen and his third-seeded Cincinnati soundly first since Feb. 18, and it includdefeated 14th-seeded Butler 86ed six points in the final two minutes to help keep Chicago ahead. Pippen finished 12-for-18 from The Cincinnati Bearcats (26-7)) will play the winner of the Iowa State-Illinois State game in the the field and 4-of-5 from 3-point

At Winston-Salem, Tony; Gonzalez hit a fadeaway jumper Michael Jordan added 23 points - the first time in four with 58 seconds remaining to games that he finished with less than 30 - and Bill Wennington had 14 for the Bulls, who improved the NBA's best record to 55-8

Wednesday's Games: Utah 117, New Jersey 162; Chicago 108, Philadelphia 104; Washington 104, Vancouver 52; Indiana 92, Atianta 52; Orlando 96, Houston 95; I.A. Lakers 109, Golden State 101.

Messier beat Olaf Kolzig with a wrist shot from the right circle with 8:47 remaining in the game for his his 573rd career goal and 34th of the season. Kolzig got a piece of the shot, but the puck

Capitals Wednesday.

found its way between his arm and body. Wednesday's results: Hartford 6, Boston 3; NY Rangers 3, Washington 2; Chicago 3, Toronto 2; Calgary 3, Colorado 2; Phoenix 5, Philipburgh 5 (OT); Anabeim 2, Detroit 1.

### France aim for first **Grand Slam in 10 years**

international rugby, and Guy Accoceberry, recalled at scrum half.

about nostalgia rather than

England'a bid to win the Triple

Crown of victories over Ireland,

It is the last Five Nations match in

the 55,000-seater Cardiff Arms Park

before it is demolished starting in

May. Venue for some of the emo-

tional Welsh victories of the late

1960s and '70s, it will make way for

the 73,000-capacity Millenium sta-

dium which will be completed in

time for the 1999 World Cup - com-

The Welsh will be without five

injured stars, while England have

been forced to make their first

change in this season's tournament.

Hence the recalls of Davies and

Davies, who last faced England in

1987, replaces Arwel Thomas at fly

half. Andrew, who announced his retirement from international rugby

after the 1995 World Cup, will be on

the England bench as cover for

South African-born Catt has been

called into the team as replacement

for injured fly half Paul Grayson.

The Welsh are also without experi-

enced winger Jenan Evans, center

Scott Gibbs and flank forward Colin

plete with a sliding roof.

Andrew.

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Scotland and Wales.

The game in Cardiff may be all

LONDON (AP) - A young, devel-oping French team are confident of scrum, not sure whether to field Gregor Townsend at center or fly beating Scotland and completing their first Five Nations rugby union Against the French, he will be at Grand Slam in 10 years tomorrow. center with Craig Chalmers at fly-Meanwhile, the final Five Nations half. But none of this will worry the match at Cardiff Arms Park before it French, who still have more injury

is buildozed to make way for a new problems to deal with. The half back pairing of Alain stadium could see two old-timers back in opposition at fly half: Penaud and Philippe Carbonneau Jonathan Davies for Wales and Rob won't start. They have been replaced by David Aucagne, who Andrew for England. has played only 50 minutes of After their stuming come-from-

behind victory at Twickenham two weeks ago, where a 20-6 deficit was turned around for a 23-20 triumph over the English, France have emerged as the northern hemisphere's No. 1 team.

An entirely reserve three-quarter-line of Laurent Leflamand, Christophe Lamaison, Stephane Glas and David Venditti has stepped in because of injuries to stars such as Emile NTamack, Richard Dourthe and Thomas Castaignede, also young players destined for great things in the future.

The combination of these swift and inventive players behind a wellorganized and powerful pack gives the French plenty of opportunities to overwhelm the Scots in Paris.

Theoretically, England (four points from three games) could still win the title if they beat Wales in Cardiff and the Scots beat the

French (six from three). Scotland have won only one of its three Five Nations games this season, and have been victorious in Paris only once since 1969. But that victory at the Parc des Princes was on the Scots' last visit in 1995 when former captain Gavin Hastings scored a spectacular late try for vic-

Hastings is no longer around and the Scots have been struggling to find the right blend behind the

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# NEE owners vote Hown instant replay MARTINESSER ALTERNAL OPPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A STATEMENT today. drubbing.

MEMPHIS (Renter) - Top- to lead Jackson State (14-16), ranked Kansas took the first step which was making its first on the road to the Final Four yesterday with a convincing victory on the opening day of the 1997 Athletic NCAA men's college basketball Toumament. toumament.

Seot Pollard had 12 points, 19 rebounds and five blocked shots to lead top-seeded Kansas to a 78-64 victory over 16th-seeded Jackson State in the Southeast Region opener.

Cincinnati and California alsoposted early wins in the 64-team tournament as "March Madness" got underway with play at four regional sites. Paul Pierce added 19 points for

Kansas, which broke open the game early in the second half after Jackson State had pulled within eight points at 51-43. The Jaybawks (33-1) will next play the winner of the Purdue-

Rhode Island game in the second round tomorrow. Trent Pulliam scored 22 points

S. Waugh: Australia just can't lose

"just can't lose at the moment". epitomises his team's mounting confidence on the eve of the second Test against South Africa starting

Waugh played a crucial role in Australia's victory by an innings and 196 runs in the first Test of the three-match series in Johannesburg last week, and he believes South Africa cannot recover from that

"We just can't lose at the moment. We are on a roll. I know that's a big statement but if we play like we did at the Wanderers then South Africa just cannot win," said Waugh. All-rounder Waugh's 160 and his

record-breaking partnership of 385 with Greg Blewen were key elements in Australia's win in the opening Test.

Waugh's upbeat mood was reflected by his captain Mark Taylor, who said on Thursday: "If

PORT ELIZABETH (Renter) - we can continue playing like we did Steve Waugh, who says Australia in the first Test, which was pretty much to this team's full potential, then we will be very difficult to beat."

> Victory in the second Test would give Anstralia a winning 2-0 series lead and confirm them as unofficial world Test champions. Their successes in the past two years include winning home and away series against West Indies and a home series against Pakistan.

With Taylor passing a fittless Test on Wednesday after back trouble, Australia will be unchanged from the first Test. "It's difficult to change a team that has won by an innings and 200 runs," said Taylor. South African captain Hansie Cronje has not made excuses about the Johannesburg defeat, and says his side are ready to fight back.

"They (Australia) have every reason to be so confident but they are making a mistake if they think we will he down again," said Cronje.

"We are fighters and we will bounce back. Hopefully their confidence extends to over-confidence." South Africa have replaced opener Andrew Hudson with in-form Adam Bacher and seem almost certain to play Herschelle Gibbs as a sixth specialist batsman, with all rounder Brian McMillan at number seven.

Cronje talked about raising his team's performance by 200 percent after the first Test but even the most ardent local supporters are talking about South Africa's chances of avoiding another heavy defeat, rather than victory, in Port Elizabeth.

Teans: South Africa (from) - Gary Kisten, Adam Bacher, Jacques Kallis, Daryli Cultinan, Hansie Cronje (captain), Herschelle Gibts, Brian McMillan, Sanan Pollock, Dave Richardson, Pat Symons, Allas Donald, Paul Adams, Lance Kusener. Australia (prohable) - Matthew Hayden, Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Hayden, Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Hayden, Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Ellott, Michael Bevan, Ian Healy, Shane Warne, Jaon Gillespie, Glenn McGrath.

snap a tie and added three free throws in the final 36 seconds to lead fifth-seeded California to a 55-52 victory over 12th-seeded Princeton in the East Region. California (22-8) will play the

winner of the Villanova-Long

Island University game in the

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**Bach** retires The Supreme Court bids farewell to Justice Gavriel Bach (second from left) who turned 70 yesterday and retired.

## **Bar-On investigation near end**

#### By RAINE MARCUS

At the end of the seveoth week of the police investigatioo into the Bar-On for Hehron Affair, five key figures were summooed for questioning at the Jaffa hranch of the National Police Headquarters yesterday.

Director-Geoeral of the Prime Minister's Office Avigdor Lieberman, Shas MK Aryeh Deri, husinessman David Appel and attorney Roni Bar-On all were questiooed. Deri's advisor,

Yehuda Avidan, was summoned to give evidence for the first time. He called the allegations "total nonseose."

Yesterday's questioning was an attempt by police to wrap up the investigation, sparked off by

Channel 1's broadcast that Bar-On's was appointed attorney-general as part of a deal in which Deri allegedly told the Prime Minister's Office that Shas would support the Hebroo redeployment in return for Bar-On's appointmeot. The Channel 1 report also

said that Bar-On was chosen, not only for his Likud affiliations, but also because he agreed to arrange some sort of plea bargain in Deri's ongoing criminal trial.

Police are supposed to complete their investigation oext week, and the state attorney is expected to decide if there is

room to warrant criminal indictments against MKs, ministers and others involved. So far it is oot clear if any of those questioned will be charged oo criminal counts or whether the whole case was simply a political conspiracy, indicating improper government and "wheeling and dealing" hut

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not criminal offenses. Police and the State Attorney's Office also will rule whether

Channel 1's report was truthful. Police believe they know who leaked the report to Chanoel 1

(Brian Hendler)

reporter Ayala Hasson, but have not investigated io full the reason behind the leak, which, sources said, "was far from proper."

Petah Tikva and, io return, Dinovitz arranged funding for Lev's wife to travel to the US.

Dinovitz helped Lev set up a development fund for Petah Tikva

and introdoced him to potential

contributors, including Riki

Heinitz, an Israeli who was living

Lieberman was qoestioned yesterday, as were Deri, Bar-On and Appel. The latter two already had been questioned this past week. Sources said that police, in the final stages of their probe, now are comparing all four's versions of events to examine if there are

nal.

in Tel Aviv.

contradictions. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi is to be questioned next week.

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected the state's appeal against the acquittal of Petah Tikva Mayor wife. At the same time, Petah Tikva signed a contract for Dloovitz to coostruct a park Giora Lev, who had been charged there. The Tel Aviv District Court

with bribery and breach of trust. acquitted Lev in May 1994, noting The court criticized his actions, that it is common practice and but ruled that they were not crimisometimes even required for public figures to travel with their According to the charge sheet, spouses. The state appealed this Lev promoted contractor Mordechai Dinovitz's interests in decision.

Justices Aharon Barak, Gavriel Bach and Eliezer Goldberg denied the appeal. The contract with Dinovitz was carried out appropriately and benefited Petah Tikva, Bach noted. The Local Council Authority

released a statement yesterday congratulatiog Lev oo his acquit-

In August 1990, Lev was scheduled to travel to Los Angeles to meet with potential cootributors. Shortly after Lev told Dinovitz that he would be traveling alone, Heinitz seot Lev a ticket for his

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